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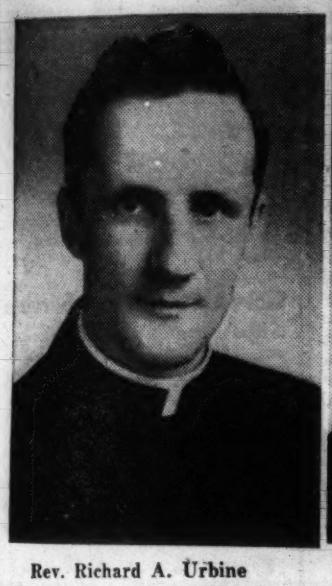
1948 Ordination Class In Fort Wayne Diocese



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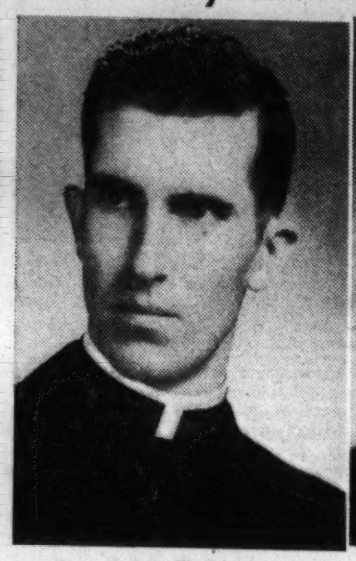

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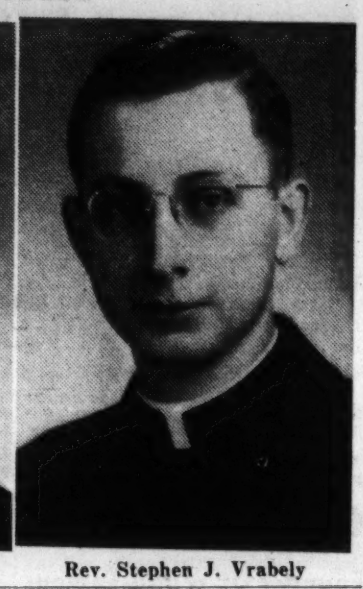

Rev. Stephen J. Vrabely

First Masses In Ft. Wayne, Decatur And Whiting

Revs. Urbine, Larson, Vrabely, Lengerich Ordinandi For 1948

Fort Wayne—The Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders on a class of four deacons who will be future priests in the Diocese, at solemn ceremonies in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, here, Saturday, May 22, beginning at 9:00 a. m. CDT.

The ordinandi, who have completed their studies at St. Meinard Seminary, St. Meinard, Ind., are: The Rev. Richard Allen Urbine, Cathedral, Fort Wayne; the Rev. Ralph Harry Larson, St. Jude, Fort Wayne; the Rev. Stephen John Vrabely, Sacred Heart, Whiting, and the Rev. Vincent Leo Lengerich, St. Mary, Decatur.

The Most Reverent Bishop will be assisted at the ceremonies by the members of the Diocesan Clergy. He will also be the host for the new priests at the traditional breakfast following the ordination.

First Masses

Two of the new priests will offer their first solemn High Masses on May 23: Father Larson at St. Jude, Fort Wayne, and Father Lengerich at St. Mary, Decatur. Sunday, May 30 has been set for the remaining neo-presbyters as the date for their first Masses: Father Urbine, Cathedral, Fort Wayne, and Father Vrabely, Sacred Heart, Whiting.

Following are brief biographical notes on each of the new ordinands and pertinent data on their first Mass celebrations.

Father Larson

Father Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larson, Maysville Road, Fort Wayne, was born in this city on July 16, 1922. A member of St. Jude Parish, he at-

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Deceit Of Secularists Cited By Bishop Ready In Keynote Address At C. P. A. Convention

Labor School Priest Asks Editors To Work Out Summary Of Papal Social Principles, Keep Them Before Readers

Cleveland—(NC)—The secularist "works under the banner of Enlightenment, Modernity, Realism," but at the same time "he speaks with apparent reverence of God and works to destroy human obedience to God's laws," Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, Chairman of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, asserted May 20, in the keynote address at the 38th annual convention of the Catholic Press Association here.

"Secularism is worldliness wearing the mask of religion," Bishop Ready warned the Catholic editors and writers. "It is not afraid to utter the sacred name of God. It is not slow to admit man's need of what it loves to call spiritual values, or transcendental ideals. It professes admiration for the Faith that it seeks to kill. It breathes of some indefined thing called 'tolerance.' It delights in talk of human brotherhood which it outrages."

The Rev. William J. Smith, S.J., director of the Crown Heights Labor School, Brooklyn, appealed to the editors at a luncheon meeting today to adopt a unified set of principles straight from the Papal Social Ency·licals "which neither the Catholic reactionary nor the so-called Catholic radical can ignore and which must be accepted as a standard for action." These must be hammered home to the readers, week after week, he urged, to convince all that the social and spiritual apostolate of the Church are "two sides of an identical coin."

Secularism deplores as un-Christian, Bishop Ready told the convention, "anything anti-social or unsocial. And all the while secularism is trying with might and main to take over the rule of the universe. Far from showing the crudity of the Russian militant atheism of a generation ago, which was childish enough to depict its activities on posters portraying a burly pre-Stalinite climbing a ladder with a great hammer in his hand to smash God and Heaven—the secularist seeks to remove God by more subtle means."

Reckoning back through the years, Bishop Ready recalled the paeans of praise heaped upon the press by such personalities as Joseph Story, Charles Farrer Browne (better known as Artemus Ward), and others. He continued:

"Now we of a more experienced, more battered, more disillusioned generation," Bishop Ready said, "perceive the folly of such lavish and undiscriminating puffs of commendation. We pause upon the fact that 'the Press' as a general term, covers a wide and wild variety of good and evil, of futility and achievement. We notice with unpoetic detachment, that the liberty of the Press—that precious palladium of Junius—is sometimes, indeed quite often, the sort of liberty that is a cloak for malice.

"We should hardly call Pravda the "strong sword-arm of justice'!" Bishop Ready continued. "We should scarcely regard Izvestia as the 'bright sunbeam of truth!' It would take some argument to convince us that The **Daily Worker** is 'pledged to Religion, Liberty and Law.' Noting the inexorable centering of our dailies into mergers and chains (chain, indeed, in more senses than one) we would pause a considerable time before dedicating ourselves to the proposition that all these papers are wholly devoted to maintaining 'the People's right' or that they are 'unawed by influence and unbribed by gain.'"

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Herbert J. Zahn, mother of the Rev. Robert J. Zahn, assistant at St. Peter Church, Fort Wayne. Mrs. Zahn was buried from St. Mary Church, Huntington, May 20.

Msgr. Skrzypinski To Be Honored At East Chicago

Msgr. Julian Skrzypinski

East Chicago—The Very Rev. Msgr. Julian Skrzypinski will be honored here, Sunday, May 23 on the silver jubilee of his pastorate at St. Stanislaus Church. He will be the celebrant of a solemn High Mass of thanksgiving at 10:00 a. m. and will be assisted by the Rev. Michael Petzold, past assistant, as deacon; the Rev. Louis Madejczyk, parish alumnus, subdeacon. The Rev. Louis Michalski, former parish assistant, will deliver the sermon.

A testimonial dinner will be tendered the jubilarian in the parish hall at 6:00 p.m. The silver jubilee committee is manner by the Rev. Joseph Buczyna and the Rev. Stanislaus Milewski, who are planning to make the event one of the outstanding in the history of the parish.

State Of Israel Recognized At Once By U. S.

American Step Caused Rejoicing Among The Jews

Washington —(NC)— Within a few hours after a declaration of independence issued at Tel Aviv had proclaimed "the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, to be called Israel," an announcement by President Truman made the United States the first country of the world to recognize the provisional government of Israel "as the de facto authority of the new State."

The American step caused rejoicing among the Jews, dismay among the Arabs and, judging by press reports from world capitals and the United Nations headquarters, surprise among statesmen of other nations.

The new State of Israel proclaimed "precepts of liberty, justice and peace taught by the Hebrew Prophets" as its basis.

The declaration of independence also promised (1) promotion "of the development of the country for the benefits of ll its inhabitants;" (2) "full social and political equality of all its citizens without distinction of race, creed or sex;" (3) "full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture;" (4) safeguard of "the sanctity and inviolability of shrines and holy places of all religions;" and (5) dedication "to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations."

Together with the announcement of U. S. recognition for Israel, the White House issued a statement to the effect that "the desire of the United States to obtain a truce in Palestine will in no way be lessened by the proclamation of a Jewish state." The statement also expressed the hope "that the new Jewish state will join with the Security Council Truce Commission in redoubled efforts to bring an end to the fighting—which has been throughout the United Nations' consideration of Palestine a principal objective of this Government."

American recognition of the new State of Israel came as the departure of Lieut. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, the last British High Commissioner, marked the official end of the British mandate over the Holy Land and the flag of the new state,—white with two blue horizontal bars and the Star of

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Notice To All Night Adorers

It is requested that all Night Adorers in the Fort Wayne Diocese share if possible in the magnificent international offering of reparation to the Sacred Heart which is being planned for His feastday, June 4. What is proposed is that beginning at 9 p.m. on June 3rd all members of the League of Night Adoration in the Home, and all others who wish to do so, form a guard of honor during the entire night ending at 6:00 in the morning. Each person could make one hour, but arranging the hours in such a way that the adoration would be successive. In large families as is already being done, members could take turns. Catholic groups might also arrange a complete night of adoration for their members. Promoters of the Night Adoration might arrange with their groups to keep successive hous on this one night. What a grand preparation for the Feast of the Sacred Heart! In the sanctuary of the home, so much under attack today, kneeling in spirit with the consoling Angel of the Garden of Gethsemane and St. Margaret Mary, friends of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus will make reparation for the apostasy of so many who should be His friends.

Jewish-Arab Conflict Imperils Famed Shrines

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uated just outside the walls of Old Jerusalem, the mount has already been visited by shot and shell. The Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin is here, close to the location of the Upper Room (now controlled by Moslems). On the Mount, too, is the place where once stood the House of Caiphas, scene of Christ's trial by the Jewish hierarchy. The eminence is militarily important because it commands the southern approach to Jerusalem.

(4) Mount Olivet and the Garden of Gethsemane. This area, so closely associated with Christ's Passion and with his Ascension into Heaven, is dotted with shrines, such as the Carmelite Church of the Pater Noster and the Church of the Ascension. The mount, together with neighboring Mount Scopus, overlooks the Walled City from the East and holds it in easy artillery, mortar and rifle range. It also commands the road from Jericho, important Arab stronghold.

(5) Bethlehem. Christ's birthplace lies beside and above the one macadam road from the South—from Hebron and Moslem Egypt—into Jerusalem. In Bethlehem is the Church of the Nativity, occupied by both Catholics and Orthodox, the oldest church in Christendom.

(6) Nazareth. The fate of the home town of the Holy Family rests upon that of two other cities, both Jewish strongholds, Haifa and Tiberias. Nazareth sits on a high spot on good roads between these two, but is itself an Arab city. Whether the Jews will allow the Arabs to continue to dominate this point on an important line of access remains to be seen. Just to the South runs the Haifa-Iraq oil pipeline of the British. Our Lady's Well and the Church of the Annunciation are important shrines here; several places within the city have been claimed as the site of Joseph and Mary's house.

(7) Tiberias. Here on the Sea of Galilee, in the area which Father Anderson terms "the closest to the hearts of Christians, because it still retains its air of Biblical tranquillity," where Christ called His Apostles, where He worked the miracle of the loaves and fishes and many others, and where He preached His Sermon on the Mount, the Jewish Haganah organization has set up an important outpost. And across the "sea," which is only six miles wide at the widest place, lie the Arab countries of Syria and Transjordan.

These are the principal shrines of antiquity. The Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land, whose task since the days of the Crusades has been to care for the shrines, has headquarters in the Walled City and will be in high jeopardy if serious fighting comes. American Christians will also be interested in the fate of the present-day Christians of the Holy Land, who number about 140,000 and have many churches, schools and other institutions, some already closed.

Fr. Lackovic To Address Gary NCCM May 16

Gary — The Rev. Dr. Stephen Lackovic, former secretary to Archbishop Stepinac now serving a sixteen years sentence imposed by Tito's people's court in Yugoslavia, will give a short talk after the sixty-eight Holy Hour devotions in the Spiritual Crusade of the Gary Deanery Council of the National Council of Catholic Men, it was announced by Father V. M. Ardas, pastor of St. Joseph parish. Father Lackovic will talk about Archbishop Stepinac, and the Croation people.

The Holy Hour will be held at St. Joseph's church, 44th and Delaware St., Gary, this Sunday, May 16, 2:45 p.m.

The committee on arrangements wishes to ask the Reverend Pastors of the various parishes in the deanery to announce the forthcoming talk by Father Lackovic. The Holy Hour committees, and the officers of all extra parochial organizations are also requested to urge the men in their organizations to attend the Holy Hour devotions and hear Father Lackovic.

Robert Speaight Talks On Theatre At Saint Mary's

Holy Cross, Ind.—Speaking on "Shakespeare and the Theatre" at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, on May 7, Robert Speaight listed three principal points to be considered in the modern production of a Shakespearean play:

"(1) Understand the structural differences in the Shakespearean and the modern stage.

"(2) Do not obscure or possibly destroy Shakespeare's powerful, verbally created backgrounds and character effects by an overuse of technical helps such as too elaborate scenery, lighting, or background music.

"(3) The actor should speak Shakespeare's lines with attention to his key words, thus helping to obviate the two extremes of a prose-like or a sing-song effect."

Mr. Speaight is well known for his Shakespearean interpretations in critical study and on the stage, and last year he staged "Antony and Cleopatra" in Geneva. He has also starred in other roles, including 1,000 appearances since 1935 as the Archbishop Thomas a Becket in "Murder in the Cathedral." Since the war, Mr. Speaight has been associated with the British Broadcasting Company as script writer, actor, and producer. He came by plane to Canada late in April to be a judge in a two-week Dramatic Festival, and is returning to England, also by plane, after a few brief visits in the United States.

Romanian Parish To Celebrate 35th Anniversary

East Chicago — On Sunday, May 30th, St. Nicholas Romanian parish, 4301 Olcott Ave., of which the Rev. George C. Muresan is pastor, will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a Solemn High Mass, at which nine priests will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy, with the newly formed choir of the parish intoning the responses.

Following the Divine Services, which will begin at 10 a.m., a banquet will be given by the ladies of the parish at the Romanian hall, 4334 Todd Ave. In the evening a dance will be held and will feature both popular and folk dancing.

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A Weekly Message From Deanery Leaders To The Deanery Members

Diocesan Publicity

Mrs. Wm. J. Black

With the advent of elections and subsequently installation of new officers and chairmen in our various organizations, whether they be in the parishes, in study groups, Parent Teacher associations or our own National Council of Catholic women, we are extending our interest to new people, giving them an opportunity to prove their ideas in a very practical application.

The organization and development is a very essential work and is the basis or foundation upon which to build either a strong or a weak structure. From the fundamental work accomplished in our parishes, reported at the district and deanery meetings, further tabulated by our Diocesan chairmen, and a general overall picture of the work when it is finally given to the Provincial and National chairmen, we can easily see how important it is that the right type of person be appointed to carry on this chain of events so all the accomplishment be given its rightful place.

Rejoicing in the activity in the parish organizations, chairmen of various types of work, add up all the fine things which are being done and paint a most worthwhile picture. It is in the parish that we reach our most important phase, and so rather than compete as an organization with the parish people and societies in the parish it must be clearly understood we merely co-ordinate and keep the record of the work done in all the parishes so when the National Catholic Welfare Conference, composed of the hierarchy of the United States, meet in Washington with the express purpose of checking on the work which needs doing, they can have tangible proof which areas are excelling in one type of work over another.

So let us at the beginning of this year, build first a firm foundation upon which to build our Catholic Action program. This collection of a new child's garment from every Catholic woman in the Fort Wayne Diocese is indeed a project to rejoice over. Let us publicize this project in every parish and thus reach our goal of Catholic Women participation in this most praiseworthy work of clothing little children.

Fort Wayne Deanery

Hazel Daugherty

Mrs. J. M. Carmer, president of the Fort Wayne Deanery Council of the National Council of Catholic Women, wishes to express her gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency, John Francis Noll for his guidance and patronage, to the clergy, all officers, appointed chairmen, affiliated groups, parish chairmen, and all who have been helpful in any way during her term of office. We also wish to thank Our Sunday Visitor for the space and publications given the deanery and district councils.

The closing meeting of the season's activities will be a dinner meeting—date to be announced. Tickets will be available to all NCCW members. Newly elected officers will be installed at this meeting.

Michigan City Deanery

Mrs. John Barnes
Chesterton, Ind.

Mr. Kenneth Essling was elected president of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception PTA, unit of NCCW, at a meeting this week in Marquette hall. Other officers are: Mrs. John Pawelski, vice-president; Mrs. Clarence Peters, secretary; and Mrs. Glenn Trask, treasurer.

Mrs. Matthew Goerg gave a report of PTA activities outlined at the provincial convention in Indianapolis. It was announced that the Rosary Sodality is conducting a clothing drive for European relief.

After the meeting, members of Girl Scout Troop 45, which is sponsored by the PTA, presented a program. The PTA then conducted a white elephant sale, proceeds of which were turned over to the troop.

The Rev. Philip Fusco won the apron award donated by Mrs. Walter Gawronski. The attendance award was won by Sister Clementia's grade three, room five. Mrs. Joseph Root, president, was in charge of the meeting.

The newly formed Legion of Mary of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception parish had its first meeting this week in Marquette hall. The Legion is affiliated with the Immaculate Conception Sodality and is open to all young women of the parish.

Hammond Deanery

Mrs. Chas. Van Valkenburg

Whiting district of the National Council of Catholic Women held their district meeting at the Community Center, with Mrs. Jacob Nyland, president presiding. Reports on the Provincial Convention held in Indianapolis were given by parish chairman.

The following officers were elected to serve Whiting district for the ensuing year: Mrs. Michael Bodney, president, Mrs. Clement McCarthy, vice president, Mrs. George Novorty, secretary, and Mrs. Joseph Krajinik, treasurer. Interesting talks were given by Monsignor George Moorman, pastor of Sacred Heart parish and Rev. John Lach, pastor of Immaculate Conception parish.

East Chicago district held their meeting at Holy Trinity Hungarian church with Mrs. Joseph Gish, president presiding. The Rev. Joseph Sipes, moderator and host minister, opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Joseph Wasko reported on the Provincial Convention held in Indianapolis. An interesting report was given on NODL by Mrs. W. J. O'Keefe, deanery chairman. Mrs. Michael Furdeck, chairman on the Bishop Noll scholarship fund, announced Mrs. Lela Tilka as winner of the raffle. The highlight of the meeting was the splendid talk given by the Rev. Matthew Kish of St. Emerick's church, Gary, on religious education of our children.

Gary Deanery

Mrs. Howard E. Carlson

Gary—"The Son of God was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and was born of the Virgin Mary," was the theme of the sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Stephen Lackovic, former secretary to Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Croatia sentenced to hard labor for sixteen years by Tito's people's court, at the sixty-eighth Holy Hour in the Spiritual Crusade of the Gary Deanery Council of the National Council of Catholic Men, held at St. Joseph's Church, last Sunday.

Father Lackovic talked of the militant part of the Mystical Body of Christ on earth now suffering persecution by the enemies of God and declared as Christ having said; "And you shall be hated for My name's sake." So, likewise because Archbishop Stepinac gave testimony of the rights of God, he was hated by the enemies of God, and, like our Savior, was condemned.

He stated that the Croation people though small in numbers, are united as never before and are fighting for the rights of God, and the rights of men to freedom. He told the men that they are a very "privileged group of men" in the Mystical Body of Christ, for their sacrifice and prayers for the persecuted and suffering, and implored them to pray for Archbishop Stepinac, and help the people, using all means possible, fight the enemies of God.

The next Holy Hour will be held at St. Xavier Church, East Gary, June 20, 2:45 p. m.

South Bend Deanery

Mrs. Wm. J. Black

News of local interest to all women in the South Bend Deanery was given over a radio broadcast on WSBT in a program sponsored by the South Bend Council of Parents and Teachers on Monday April 26th. The program featured Spiritual Education and Mrs. Wm. F. Black, Council Chairman, presented the parochial school picture for South Bend. The script follows: "I thought perhaps you might like to know just how many parochial schools we have and why we operate at our own expense, in addition to paying school tax. It would be much cheaper for the parents of these children to take advantage of our Public school system, were it not for the fact that they feel an obligation to educate their children spiritually each day, just as they do in the regular curricular subjects of education.

We feel that Spiritual Education daily, tends to round out a well balanced personality. The nuns and clergy in our parishes dedicate their lives to the work of training these children, stressing and coordinating their spiritual and moral teaching, with the educational, in their everyday living. These teachers, through their vocation, teach and continue to work for the rest of their lives, in the teaching profession. Their influence extends far beyohd our schools and churches, and reaches out to the community and the world naturally, gets the benefit of the teaching of these fine men and women. The lay teachers in all schools are contributing to the character building of our boys and girls of today who will be the men and women of tomorrow.

We have a great many children attending public schools and weekly classes in religion are being conducted for these children in their individual parishes. In South More Heights, our Missionary Sisters are teaching classes each Saturday. We have in South Bend at the present time, 5200 children attending Catholic Parish Schools. These include: 2 Pre Schools, St. Mary's on the College Campus and St. Patrick's, 13 Elementary schools from Grade 1 through 8, including St. Adalberts, St. Casimir, St. Hedwige, Holy Cross, St. Joseph, St. Mary in South Bend, St. Mary Junior School on the Campus, St. Matthew, Our Lady, St. Patrick, Sacred Heart, St. Stanislaus and St. Stephen. Four high schools: Central Catholic for boys, St. Joseph Academy for Girls, St. Mary's Academy for Girls, and South Bend Catholic, a co-educational school.

Eight religious orders are engaged as teachers: We have the Felician Sisters, Sisters of Nazareth, Holy Cross Brothers, Holy Cross Sisters, Resurrection Sisters, Sisters of St. Joseph of Tipton, Sisters of Divine Charity, and Missionary Sisters, totalling 155 Sisters, 9 Brothers and 40 members of the clergy who are teaching Spiritual Education, in our schools."

Catholic Business Women Hold Election

Fort Wayne—Miss Alice O'Reilly was elected president of the Catholic Business Women's Club at a breakfast meeting held last Sunday at St. Peter's School hall. She succeeds Miss Theresa Schwartz.

Other officers elected were Miss Sophia Pogorzelski, vice-president; Miss Catherine McGill, secretary, and Mrs. Ida Root Heiny, treasurer. The following were elected to the board of directors: Mrs. Arthur Doescher, Mrs. Anthony Nesswald, Miss Ann Rastetter, Miss Theresa Walsh and Miss Magdeline Smith.

May Crowning At St. Casimir's

Pictured are the principals in the recent World Sodality May Crowning in St. Casimir's Church, Hammond. Left to right: Gerry Lenz, Florence Soja, the Rev. Casimir Senderak, Moderator; Lucy Kosceilniak, crown bearer; Fay Szumilas, president, who crowned the statue of the Virgin; Genevieve Stanke, Loretta Kozlowski.

D. Of I. Circle Holds May Crowning

Fort Wayne—Miss Joan Giere presided as May Queen at the May Day procession of Our Lady of Victory Circle, Daughters of Isabella, last Tuesday night at the K. of C. home.

Veronica Ostrowski and Ruth Fox served as maids of honor.

Speakers at the May Day celebration were the Rev. Charles Girardot, past of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; the Rev. Frederick Westendorf, superintendent of Central Catholic High School and Mrs. William Cashman, regent of Our Lady of Victory Circle.

Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Donald Ottenweller and Mrs. Joseph Westendorf.

CYO Boxing Champs Crowned

Fort Wayne— Champions were crowned last Friday night in the finals of the CYO Boxing Tournament held at St. Vincent's Villa.

The winners in the various divisions follow: flyweight, Ronnie Copenhaver; featherweight, John Brockhouse; light weight, James Roach; welterweight, Hal Brockhouse; middleweight, Robert Schwartz; light heavyweight, Frank Loop; heavyweight, John Monroe; super heavyweight, Alvin Wade.

The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Joe Henry of the heavyweight division.

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Clothing Drive For War Needy Opened By NCCW

Washington —(NC)— A campaign to secure 5 000,000 new articles of clothing for babies and children among the war sufferers has been undertaken by the National Council of Catholic Women during the summer months, it has been disclosed at N.C.C.W headquarters here.

The clothing will be sent to His Holiness Pope Pius XII for distribution to the needy in Europe and other war-torn lands. In a letter to the officers of national, diocesan and State organizations, explaining the campaign, Mrs. Caroline McCollum, chairman of the council's war relief committee, pointed out that often the Holy Father must deny appeals from the needy with an aching heart because he is empty-handed.

Mrs. McCollum's letter explained that the campaign will run until September 8, the birthday of the Blessed Mother. She suggested that each organization sponsor a collection of one new item of clothing for a baby or child for each member of the respective organization. The summer campaign is a special one and runs concurrently with the year-round drive of the Council, in cooperation with War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, which already has sent more than 1,000,000 pounds of clothing overseas to the needy in war-torn countries.

Fly Yourself Service Predicted By Piper

Notre Dame — Establishment of a nation-wide "Fly Yourself Service," patterned after the automobile rental system now widely used, was predicted in the near future for the aviation industry by William T. Piper, President of the Piper Aircraft Corporation of Lock Haven, Pa., during a visit at the University of Notre Dame last week.

Summer Masses

PIERCETON—St. Francis Xavier, Road 13, three miles south of Road 30. Sunday Masses, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. CDT.

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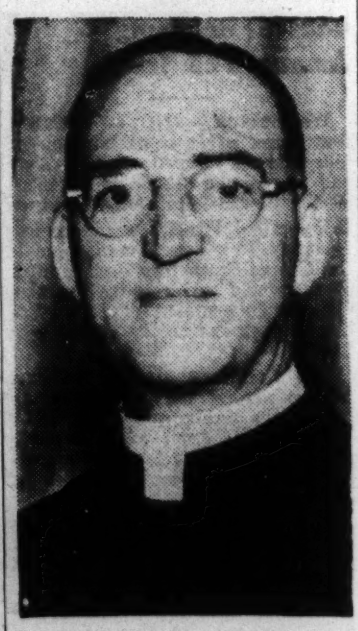
Art Explains Sacrament

Sister Francine, second grade teacher at St. Monica's School, Mishawaka, points to a work of art which explains the Sacrament of the Eucharist to the children pictured. Sister Francine and Sister Thomas executed the work on the board. With Sister are Rosemary Lampert, Chris Arta, Darlene Talboom and Jerry Gulyanics.

Boys Town Mourns Death Of Fr. Flanagan

Founder Of World-Famous Home In Omaha Dies Of Heart Attack In Berlin

Boys Town, Nebr.—(NC)—Boys Town was stunned May 15 when a cablegram arrived reporting the death of its beloved leader and benefactor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, from a heart attack in Berlin, Germany.



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Flanagan

Monsignor Flanagan's death occurred at 2 a.m. Saturday (Berlin time), in a U. S. military hospital, shortly after his arrival in Berlin from Frankfurt, Germany. He had just completed a mission in connection with the youth program being developed under direction of U. S. Army officials in Austria, and was about to undertake a similar mission in Germany.

Throughout the country more than 5,000 men and youths, former citizens of this "City of Little Men," also deeply grieve the loss of Monsignor Flanagan. To these thousands of young Americans who had here found a home, the privileges of an education, and were given sound moral and spiritual training, Father Flanagan represented more than a priest: he was parent, teacher, counsellor, guardian and builder of their characters as useful, God-fearing American citizens.

All of the youthful citizens of Boys Town, members of the faculty and the administrative staff attended a Solemn Requiem High Mass at 7 o'clock Saturday morning, celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. A. Flanagan, brother of the deceased Boys Town founder and director. He was assisted by the Rev. Leo Kuhn and the Rev. John Farrald, both former citizens who are now members of the Boys Town staff.

A message from Patrick J. Norton, general manager of Boys Town, who accompanied Monsignor Flanagan on his youth mission to Europe, stated that the body would be returned to Boys Town by Army Air Transport.

Third Order Meeting In Ft. Wayne May 23

Fort Wayne—The regular meeting of the St. Charles Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis will be held in St. Peter's Church, here, Sunday, May 23 at 3:00 p. m.

The Rev. Father Ambrose, OFM Cap., of St. Felix Monastery, Huntington, will officiate at the investiture of candidates. Members are requested to bring their blue attendance envelopes to this meeting.

'Pinocchio' Presented By Music Students

Fort Wayne—The music pupils of St. John the Baptist School, under direction of Sister Marie Dolores, recently presented "Pinocchio" a musical puppett. Two members of the graduating class, Margaret Mattes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Mattes and Constance Wesner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wesner, received the Sisters of Providence Junior Certificate of Accomplishment in piano music. The Rev. Leo A. Pursley, pastor, made the presentation.

Fort Wayne Girl Elected Sodality Prefect

Fort Wayne—Miss Rose Ellen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foss Smith, 2515 Fairfield Ave., has been elected prefect of the sodality at Rosemont College, Rosemont, Pa. She is a junior at the school.

State Of Israel Recognized At Once By U. S.

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David—was raised over the seat of the provisional government. David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the National Council, who read the declaration of independence, became the first Prime Minister of Israel.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, termed U. S. recognition for Palestine a "logical and proper step" which "takes account of the reality that no other authority can fill what otherwise would be a cruel and dangerous vacuum in this area of Palestine."

Children's Little Theatre Opens With 'Pollyanna' May 23

South Bend — A dramatization from Eleanor Porter's book "Pollyanna" will be presented at the Progress Club, Sunday, May 23 at 1:45, 3:00 and 4:15 p.m. by the Children's Little Theatre. No admission charge will be made and admittance will be on invitation available from members of the cast or a call at the Y. M. C. A.

All religious orders in the city are extended an invitation. The casts are composed of students from St. Joseph School, South Bend; St. Mary Academy; St. Joseph School, Mishawaka and Marquette School.

Holy Name Men Addressed By Priests

Fort Wayne— The Rev. Leo Pursley and the Rev. Timothy P. Doody spoke at a meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Church held Tuesday night in the Community Room of the school. The Fort Wayne Barbershop Chorus, Chapter Eight, sang several vocal selections and a movie was shown by William Laughlin.

Coming Events

Gary

May 23—Sheil Club, Communion, Breakfast, Holy Trinity Parish.

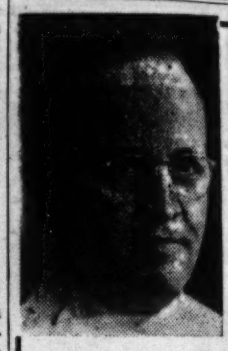
May 30—"Dream Waltz" operetta, Sheil Club, Lew Wallace, auditorium.

Fort Wayne

May 21— St. Joseph Hospital School of nursing, Senior Prom, Fort Wayne Country Club.

Hour Of St. Francis Over WOWO May 23

Fort Wayne— A unique approach distinguishes the episode of "The Hour of St. Francis" to be heard over Station WOWO at 9:45 p. m. Sunday. "These Foolish Things" describes the visit of a little girl of nine and a boy of six to a Catholic church. The little boy is fascinated by three things: the statue of the Blessed Mother and the Child, the crucifix, and the sanctuary lamp. He asks endless questions, which the little girl answers with the deep and simple wisdom of a child.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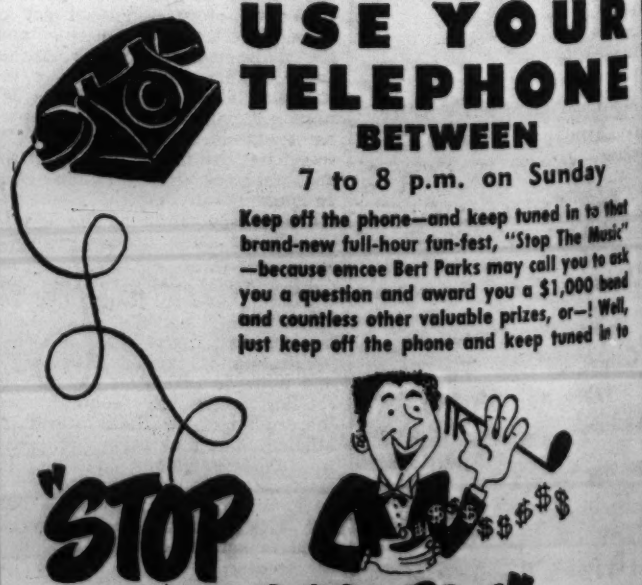

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Ignorance Proved Cause Of Intolerance

Editors' Chats With Readers

Dear Readers:

THE reading of the persecution and torture of Christians in the long ago still shocks us, but we accept without blushing and without indignation the worse persecution and cruelty of our day.

Nero has been scorned by the public from the fourth century down to our time as a symbol of inhumanity, as the personification of cruelty, but he was not the equal of Hitler, or Stalin, or Tito today.

All of Italy, where Nero reigned, did not have a population equal to that of the present-day Concentration Camps in Russia.

As we write this a news release has come to us from China which reports the death by torture of a native Chinese priest, Father Peter Chang. He was taken a prisoner by the Communists along with seventeen other priests of his Order, that of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. His executioners told him that they had no special personal grievance against him, and that if he would renounce his convictions about Catholicism and embrace Communism they would not only liberate him, but honor him. Father Chang of course, not only refused to submit, but defended his Catholicism in their face, whereupon they tortured him and beat him into unconsciousness, following which he soon died. He was as much a modern martyr as any of those tortured and put to death by Nero.

Not a single priest among the 400 martyred in Yugoslavia would have been shot or crucified if he had shown a readiness to cooperate with the Communist leaders. To all these modern martyrs Communism was the evil spirit, who might not be adored; it was the professed archenemy of God Who must be worshipped and loved with one's whole heart and whole soul and whole mind and all his strength," and evidently it would be treason for any agent of God, for any consecrated promoter of the interests of Christ, to lend himself to the promotion of Communism.

Four centuries ago St. Ignatius of Loyola represented the world of his day as divided into two camps, those who were either "for Christ," or "against Christ." That situation has been badly aggravated since his time and today is recognized as a dominant fact. If the minds of people were not so beclouded by the mists of prejudice, all the world would know today that the only consistent and persistent defender of the cause of Christ against those in the anti-Christ camp, is the Catholic Church, they would recog-

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One Religion In One World

SOME years ago the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor emeritus of the Riverside Church, New York, noted that the need of the world today is "one religion and one language." But did not Europe have one religion and one religious language for more than one thousand years, which tied together, as a big Christian Commonwealth, the peoples of various nations and languages? In those days there was a Christian order of society, and the civil rulers and their legislators felt bound when enacting laws to make them conform to the enactments of the Sovereign Legislator, God.

If Mohammedanism has kept the people of many nations together in a most backward religion, think what the dynamic Christian Faith, if it were one and practiced vigorously by both ruler and subject, could now do for the western world.

Before World War I the Austrian-Hungarian Empire embraced many national groups, but because they were chiefly of one faith, they were a thousandfold happier than they are now under an antagonistic government with no faith.

Had the little nations, which are now behind the Iron Curtain, running from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Black Sea in the south, been allowed to federate after World War II, the world would have had no further trouble with either Russia or Germany. The 125,000,000 people on this borderline between those two countries could have made both of them behave by threatening to join one against the other if it attempted to wage war. Had that federation been allowed we would have had peace from the day Germany surrendered to the Allied Powers three years ago.

In a truly Christian nation there would not be the numerous political parties which obtain today, dividing the citizenry into a dozen or twenty minority groups not only hampering the national unity, which is so important, but preventing any government, representing a coalition of a dozen factions, to function.

George E. Sokolsky, writing on April 9, 1948, observed that even the small Czech government was constituted of the following Parties: "Communists, Czech Socialists, Peoples' Party, Social Democrats, Slovak Democrats and two others . . . It was not a responsible party government, but a coalition of non-co-operative antagonistic elements."

They Mislead Rather Than Lead The World

REGARDED as an important part of every high school and college curriculum is a Physical Education Department, which aims at developing and conditioning the *body* of the student. Expensive as it is no one holds that it is unjustified.

The same observation might be made on the cost to the United States Government of military training, which has only to do with the body; or on the cost of State and local Departments of Health. But neither the Federal Government nor the separate states nor the local community spends directly a single dollar for the culture and conditioning of the soul, which, more than the body, is the man. Yet reason supports the claims of Divine Wisdom that it is the human *soul* that matters. Divine Wisdom asks: "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?" (Mark VIII, 36).

To those who might counter that the *mind* is given most attention in colleges, and that the mind is a faculty of the soul, it should be observed that even in relation to matters temporal culture of the mind is not full education; and it might be very detrimental to one's eternal welfare. Unless concomitantly the school concerns itself with the eternal interests of the student, and trains his mind, heart, and conscience conformably to God's plan of salvation, it actually renders a definite disservice to him.

If man is a free and, therefore, a responsible being, his will must be cultivated in the direction of the laws of Him, on Whom he is wholly dependent, and Who is, therefore, entitled to his first allegiance. Because soul-culture is not only neglected, but is even designedly omitted, we meet so many "intellectuals" who are most unspiritual. Doesn't St. Paul declare quite em-

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It Is Strongest Where Church Is Least Known

Bigotry Also Promoted By Those Who Seek To Enrich Themselves

JOHN S. HOOPER, writing editorially in the **Brattleboro Daily Reformer**, Brattleboro, Vermont, on October 1, 1947, comments on a survey taken by **Fortune Magazine** to ascertain what measure of tolerance there exists in the United States among Protestants, Catholics, Jews and Negroes, and ended with this question: "Do you think that any of these groups are getting more economic power anywhere in the United States than is good for the country? More political power? Do you think any of these groups should be getting a better break in this country than they are now?"

The answers given by those polled—and we do not know who were polled—were summarized as follows:

36% of the people think that Jews have too much economic power; 21%, that they have too much political power; 10% favor giving them a better break. 3% favored a better break for the Negroes; and 8% thought they had too much economic and political power. 15% thought that Catholics have too much political power; 12% believe that they have too much economic power, and 7% thought that they deserve a better break.

As to Protestants 4% thought that they have too much political power; 2% believe that they have too excessively economic power, and 8% favor a better break for them.

Dr. Hooper believes that this survey disclosed less a measure of tolerance than it does a measure of national ignorance, especially since the breaking down of the figures showed that the ones who were most disturbed about the power held by Jews and Catholics lived in areas where these two groups comprise the smallest percentage of local population. He notes: "In the farm areas and non-farm communities of 2,500 or under exists the greatest fear of the two strong-

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Corpus Christi Is Feast Of Our Victory

THOMAS F. DOYLE

OUR century has witnessed the triumph of Martha de Noaillat's lifelong efforts to bring about the establishment of the Feast of Christ the King. A woman also—St. Margaret Mary Alacocque—was responsible for introducing the Feast of the Sacred Heart in the 17th century. There is yet a third woman to whose inspiration the Church owes another of its great festivals. She was St. Julienne of Mont Cornillon, who first proposed the Feast of Corpus Christi which Catholics for 700 years have observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

The centuries have enhanced the lustre of Corpus Christi; although a holyday of obligation in comparatively few countries, it ranks as Catholicism's most eloquent testimony of faith in the Eucharistic Presence. But how many Catholics know the background of the great solemnity; have ever heard of St. Julienne? How many open their hearts to its perennial invitation to approach the Holy Table more often; to be frequent, even daily communicants? In this modern age when Catholics are surrounded by the dangers and temptations of materialism, Corpus Christi bids them ever more urgently to seek consolation in the Eucharistic Lord.

This is the day when the Church affirms her independence and might in the face of all adversaries. There are places today where the faithful will kneel with anxious hearts though altars be bright with profusion of flowers and candles. There are cities where neither children nor grown-ups will be permitted to walk in procession behind golden monstrances. The enemies of Christ have become powerful in many lands. They know less than Catholics themselves what Corpus Christi stands for; they do not have to ask what Pope Pius XII meant when he declared that "the Christian life has its center and all its power in the Holy Eucharist."

Holy Thursday, the primary feast of the Eucharist, commemorates the institution of the sacrament, but Corpus Christi has its own special importance as a reminder of Christ's assurance that "he who eats of this bread shall live forever." In his encyclical on the Mystical Body of Christ issued in 1943, the Holy Father implicitly emphasized the significance of Corpus Christi by describing the sacrament of the Eucharist as a source of divine strength to Catholics in times of crisis and suffering, and by urging them to communicate more frequently. What he wrote during the war applies equally in these days when Communist totalitarianism threatens the peace and security of many of Europe's great Christian nations:

"If in the sad and anxious days through which we are passing there are many who cling so firmly to Christ the Lord beneath the Eucharistic veils that neither tribulation nor distress nor famine nor nakedness nor danger nor persecution nor the sword can separate them from His love, then undoubtedly Holy Communion . . . may become a source of the courage that makes heroes out of Christians."

St. Thomas Composed Office For Feast

Corpus Christi was introduced during a great age in the Church, but one characterized by such widespread reluctance to approach the altar rail that the Fourth Council of Lateran in 1215 decreed that Catholics must receive Communion at least once a year. During the preceding four centuries the practice of daily Communion, so common in the early Church, had declined to such degree that many Catholics neglected to receive for years at a time. This neglect was not due to lack of reverence or love, but to an awe of the sacrament aggravated by preachers who attached rigorous and often impossible conditions to worthy reception. At the time of the Lateran decrees, this attitude of dread was so pronounced that even the saintliest went to Communion only three or four times a year.

This was the background against which the story of Corpus Christi was to unfold. Of those who shared in the sacred drama, the most distinguished was St. Thomas Aquinas, whose genius is reflected in the Mass and Office he composed for the feast. But the Angelic Doctor appeared at the end rather than at the beginning of the drama. The star role was played by a holy woman named Julienne, now scarcely re-

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Life Of John Francis Noll, Fifth Bishop Of Ft. Wayne

BY F. A. FINK

(Continued from last week)

Two factors account for the wonderful reception accorded *Our Sunday Visitor* at the time it was launched by Father Noll, at Huntington. These are: (1) the poor appeal the average Catholic paper had because it carried little instruction and little Catholic news other than those items which were gleaned from the daily press; and (2) because the previous year (1911) there was founded at Aurora, Missouri, a violently anti-Catholic sheet, which reached more than a million homes every week, uninvited.

(1) At the time *Our Sunday Visitor* was born there was no "Catholic Press Association" to gather Catholic news throughout the nation and throughout Europe through correspondents located at the capital of nearly all European countries, as there is today.

Our Sunday Visitor became a charter member of the Catholic Press Association when it was founded by a gathering of editors in Washington. This was also before we had a National Catholic Welfare Conference, having in its structure, a "Press Department."

Most Catholic papers had a purely local circulation, were edited by laymen, chiefly as a means of livelihood. The subscription lists such papers had was obtained by a representative of the paper calling on Catholic people, from house to house. Because only a few of them had a "reader interest," their patronage came chiefly from the best families, who felt under some obligation to support the Catholic press. Such was the situation at the time that Father Noll circularized the Bishops of the United States and most pastors to solicit their reaction to his proposal to found a National popular Catholic weekly.

(2) From the year 1909 to the year 1912 the Socialist movement grew so rapidly that one of its organs, *The Appeal to Reason*, published at Girard, Kansas, counted more than 1,000,000 circulation weekly. Other Socialist papers and magazines, patronized by other thousands, were *The People's Press*, and the *American Socialist*, the *Christian Socialist*, issued from Chicago, and Eugene Debbs' *Melting Pot*, published in St. Louis.

There was little difference between the Socialist movement of that day and the Communist movement today. All Socialist organs advertised and recommended the books of Karl Marx, of Hegel, of Engels—all atheists and anti-Christian. *The Appeal to Reason* drew its patronage chiefly from the ranks of Labor, but when it was discovered that one-third or more of union labor was Catholic, whose members objected to the anti-Christian attitude of *The Appeal*, its editors decided to found another paper which would carry on anti-Catholic propaganda for Socialism and leave the "bread and butter argument," by which was meant the elevation of the status of the laboring man, to *The Appeal to Reason*." These men, some of very bad repute, founded the *Menace*.

Since the zealous apostles for Socialism were more interested in fighting religion than they were in the uplift of the working man, they abandoned the *Appeal*, and lent all their efforts to the building up of the circulation of *The Menace*. It was not long until *The Menace* counted more than 1,000,000 readers, while the circulation of *The Appeal to Reason* declined proportionately. Most people became acquainted with *The Menace*, not by having subscribed for it, but by finding it on their front porch in the morning after it had been surreptitiously scattered about by night.

Soon Catholics began to write to the editors of Catholic papers and to call on their clergy for answers to the wicked charges leveled against the Catholic Church, week after week, by the *Menace*.

We told you above that Father Noll reproduced a copy of this filthy sheet and enclosed it with the letter to Bishops and priests to ask what they thought about the founding of a national Catholic weekly to contain constructive instruction, and, at the same time, to answer libels against the Church circulated so widely.

These two things—the weakness of the Catholic press and the attacks made on the Church by her enemies—explain the warm welcome which *Our Sunday Visitor* received from the beginning. It started off in its first number, May 5, 1912, with a circulation, actually ordered, of 35,000 copies; at the end of the first year the circulation was 200,000; at the end of the second year, over 400,000. Thereafter the increase in circulation, while not quite so rapid, was steady, until it passed the 700,000 mark. It would likely have reached 2,000,000 or more homes if, in the meantime, the Catholic Press Association had not come into being, through which existing Catholic papers were greatly improved, and many new ones founded, including another national weekly. Many editors wrote Father Noll that his paper, creating a taste for more Catholic literature, greatly helped their own to grow.

Today the Catholic press is very vigorous, and nearly every diocese has either an official organ, or at least a paper with episcopal approval.

We should like to reproduce here a few letters received from eminent prelates during the first year of *Our Sunday Visitor's* life. For lack of space we quote only from the letters of the Papal Delegate, the Cardinals of that time, and from several Archbishops:

Cardinal's Residence,
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Father Noll:

Our Sunday Visitor is unique and comprehensive in its good work, marking the false and bad, and pointing the true and good principles and practices for the American people. With your very large circulation, and practical point of view and inexpensiveness, your journal must do tremendous good. Nearly all who read it, especially priests, chant its praises and try to secure subscribers in their parishes.

✠ J. Cardinal Gibbons.

Apostolic Delegation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Noll:

The nature of your work tends to supply, in a popular and practical way, the religious needs of both Catholics and non-Catholics.

✠ John Bonzano,
Archbishop of Melitene,
Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Archbishop's House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Noll:

I am happy to take this opportunity to say that I have heard nothing but excellent reports of the good work which *Our Sunday Visitor* is doing, and that I hope your good paper will meet with the success it so richly deserves.

✠William Cardinal O'Connell.

Chancery Office,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Father Noll:

I consider it more than a privilege—practically a duty on my part—to lend encouragement to the campaign you are about to undertake to increase the circulation of *Our Sunday Visitor*.

✠George W. Mundelein

Cardinal Residence,
New York City

Dear Doctor Noll:

His Eminence directs me to request you to send 1,000 copies of *Our Sunday Visitor* for distribution at the Cathedral here. He is anxious to do all he can to help in your great work.

Rev. Thomas Carroll,
Secretary

Archbishop's Residence,
Norwood, Ohio

Reverend dear Father Noll:

Our Sunday Visitor ought to be a most welcome guest in every Catholic home. A good and staunch Catholic will earnestly desire to be familiar with the teachings of the Church, and to possess the arguments with which the malicious slanders against the Church can be refuted. And for these purposes he cannot find a better paper than *Our Sunday Visitor*.

✠ Henry Moeller.

ACTU And K.C. Sponsor Talk By Fr. Ondrak

Gary—The Rt. Rev. Ambrose Ondrak of St. Procopius College, Lisel, Ill., will deliver an address on "The Price of Peace in Modern Industry" at 8:00 p. m., Tuesday, May 25 in the ballroom of the Knights of Columbus home. The lecture, open to the public, admission free, is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus under the auspices of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists. Abbot Ondark is a recognized leader in social and cultural programs and his address is expected to draw a huge attendance.

Efforts are being made to welcome the support of all bona fide labor organizations, the various Chambers of Commerce, civic and professional clubs, churches, and business industrial leaders in the entire Calumet area.

"The sponsoring organizations want it definitely understood that this program is open to the public and has been arranged as an educational contribution for the common good of this great industrial community," the committee in charge stated.

The committee in charge of all arrangements consists of J. Kirby Spalding, Harold J. Swanson, co-chairman of the Catholic Action Committee, Knights of Columbus, Stanley Jonusas, President of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, Edmund O'Reilly, Weldon Hile, Peter Yesh, Jr., J. R. Enrico, J. C. Rupp, and Rev. L. Zenz, Moderator of the Ass'n. of Catholic Trade Unionists, and assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Parish.

Programs Hold 'Acceptable' Rate For Fourth Week

Rensselaer — For the fourth consecutive week, radio comedy programs were generally "acceptable," although here and there individual performers slipped into the "barely acceptable" category, according to those college-student monitors of the Radio Acceptance Poll.

Tabulations, covering the weeks of April 4th and 11th—the 26th and 27th of poll operation—were issued from poll headquarters at St. Joseph College. Figures show that opinions of 733 good-taste seeking college students rated Fibber McGee and Molly, and Jack Benny as "highly acceptable." A total of 3,360 votes on the "family acceptability" of radio comedy programs was cast during the weeks of April 4th and 11th.

Cumulative totals are now based on 62,667 individual performer votes cast on 15,403 program ballots. Student auditing of radio programs for the current fall-winter-spring radio season ended May 8.

A final RAP report will show the results of 30 weeks of balloting.

Business And Industrial Leaders To Meet At N. D.

Notre Dame, Ind.—Twenty-eight prominent business and industrial leaders of the United States have accepted membership on a newly-created Advisory Council for the College of Commerce at the University of Notre Dame, it was announced here by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame.

The Advisory Council, Father Cavanaugh indicated, will "bring men of achievement into closer association with the work of the College of Commerce at Notre Dame and will enable these men to share the responsibility of training tomorrow's leaders." The first meeting of the council, featuring an election of officers, will be held at Notre Dame on May 21 and 22.

Diocese Awarded Four War Surplus Buildings

Fort Wayne—The Fort Wayne Catholic Diocese was awarded four buildings in the sale of 77 war surplus frame buildings at Baer Field. The buildings, which will be used for school purposes, cost the diocese $365.50.

From Our Readers

Opinions expressed in letters appearing in these columns are those of our readers and not necessarily of the editors of *Our Sunday Visitor*.

We Don't Appreciate What We Have

Editor:

I AM not writing this tonight on the spur of the moment, as it were, but after having had it in mind for months. Tonight I found the time to do it.

I have read **Our Sunday Visitor** week after week, year after year, and of all the publications I read I like it best. I have no fault to find, but always a conscious yearning to add something. Perhaps its only my desire to say something, but I think what I have to say would add something to your paper.

The Catholic Church has something, that no other organization on earth can boast of or enjoy. The privileges of a good Catholic are so priceless that nothing can be compared to them. The privilege I refer to is the Sacraments and the help and guidance through life of the Church. The Real Presence on our altars, the grace which can be received merely for the taking!

It is true that there are people who misunderstand what the Church teaches. There are others misinformed so profoundly that they hate all things Catholic. There are people who fight the Church as they fight their own guilty conscience. But these poor people are to be pittied, not scorned.

The "Public Enemy No. 1" of the Catholic Church is not even the persecuter of the Church or the self styled athiest. He is the Catholic who knows no horror of mortal sin, not to mention venial sin; who shows no gratitude for his great inheritance!

I can visualize Our Lord saying, "But ten were healed, where are the other nine?" He expects us to say "thank you" and surely there is no better way to say it than to keep His commandments in every slight detail. There is no better way to show Him that we understand our religion, that we love to serve Him, than to use the means He has provided—the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. How can one say they believe the teachings of the Catholic Church and act at the same time as if they had never heard of the Ten Commandments?

I realize that the Catholic born with the Church is like the rich who have never been poor, that they take it very much for granted. Is this not the reason why whole nations are subjected to persecution of the Church and deprivation of the Sacraments, so they can know what it means to be without them? Must we always learn the hard way, can't we learn by observing what happens to others?

Those who are in the state of grace should pray without ceasing for Catholics who are not in a state of grace. They should know no rest until everyone is back in the place they rightfully belong, and it is a duty we cannot shirk and it is perhaps our strongest recourse to action. The most perfect prayer being the Mass, then daily Mass is not less than a necessity! And Mass without Communion? That would be like sitting down to the table but refusing to eat for our physical strength. Mass and Communion every day should be the rule for the Catholic who cares, for his own spiritual and temporal good, of course, but also for all those who are so blind they do not see the harm they are doing.

Most people who have Christian intentions respect a good Catholic, but they expect him to be a good Catholic, and while it isn't right to judge you can hardly blame them. Then too, so few Catholics even bother to get the outsider to understand their privileges. They may defend their Faith but defense is unnecessary where one finds a great joy in their Faith. If in their enthusiasm over their love for Almighty God they might let the outsider see that they have something! Something to be found no place else on earth, if they could have such a strong faith that it would be visible in its results to everyone they know. Then there would be no need of defense.

If there was wide spread enthusiasm and joyful devotion, there would be no need to pray for vocations and funds, they would be pressed upon you with such zeal there wouldn't be provisions to accept them. One who loves is a fool over the beloved, and even finds ways to do things for Him.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. W.
Oak Park, Ill.

'Ask Father Lord' New Radio Program

Editor:

I WOULD like to call your readers' attention to a new radio program which I think they will find interesting. It is called "Ask Father Lord" and is broadcast daily, except Monday and Tuesday, over radio station WEW of St. Louis, at 7:15 P. M. On Sunday the program is heard at 6:30 P. M.

As the title indicates, Father Lord answers questions submitted to him by his radio audience. So far, and I have heard every broadcast since the first one on April 28th, many subjects have been treated: personal problems, family, marriage, vocations, adventure, etc.

If some among your readers are looking for a good program for their local stations, maybe they could get in touch with Father Lord to see if transcriptions of his program would be available for rebroadcast. I don't know, but the thing would be worth looking into. Father Lord, as most of your readers will konw, is the Editor of the **Queen's Work** here in St. Louis.

A Friend.

Five Year Plan Of Reparation

Editor:

TO all readers of **Our Sunday Visitor** who took advantage of the September 20th issue of O.S.V. I will gladly send enrollment slips in our five year plan of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You must promise to say a daily rosary, make a daily sacrifice, and make the five first Saturdays. If you don't seriously intend to comply with this request of Our Blessed Mother please don't write for enrollment slips or articles of reparation.

If you intend to seriously fulfill Our Lady's heartbroken pleading for prayer and penance, Rosary and Holy Communion send a medium-sized stamped envelope self addressed for information. Children can offer a decade a day, the daily Sacrifice, of being kind and obedient in their fulfillment of daily duty and make the five first Saturdays of Holy Communion, daily rosary and visit to Our Lady on that particular day.

John T. Pryor
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Readers are asked to send Catholic literature of all kinds to Father Marcus Carmelo, Catholic Rectory, Candon, Locos, Sur., Philippine Islands.

Why Not Fight Fire With Fire?

Editor:

IN the countries the Communists have taken over, it is usually a small minority of the people who have gained control by clever political action, and propaganda. It makes us realize it could happen in our own country, especially if there were a depression.

One thing you have to give the Communists credit for is their zealous desire to learn about and spread their new belief. They willingly give up whatever they are doing in life, to attend their schools, where they learn Communism and how to teach it to others. If they cannot attend their regular schools, they attend their night schools, of which I hear there are at least 20 in the United States. They pay their tuition and also volunteer to work so many hours free for the school.

How little most of us are doing to combat Communism. It is true priests, individuals, and small groups, especially the Catholic Trade Unionists, are doing wonderful work, but most of us are not doing anything, because we do not know how or what to do and are too timid.

Why not "fight fire with fire," by starting a school in every town which will give refresher courses in their religion to adults, and which will have classes day and night to accommodate all the people. Let them also give a course on democracy, American history, and American ways of life, explain what Communism is, why we do not believe in it, how to recognize Communist philosophy when we hear it, and how to argue against it. It is true we should have learned this in school, but how quickly we forget, and while we believe in our Faith and our country in our hearts we are not able to express ourselves, and explain it to others. I think the Boy Scouts motto "Be Prepared," is a good one for us all.

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Baptists are planning a university in the once Catholic city named Corpus Christi, and are calling it the University of Corpus Christi. One of these days some stern Baptist is going to discover that his university is named for the Catholic sacrament of the Eucharist, the Body of Christ.—**Fr. Lord, S. J.**

What Goes On Right Under Our Catholic Noses

"I'll read that . . . . some other time." The ordinary Catholic has heard, and thinks he has learned, so much about "Catholic Education" that he feels usually the duty but seldom the desire to read any more about it.

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Right or Wrong

Editors' views on current events and others' comments

Strongest Bulwark Of Our Freedom

THE Atlanta *Journal*, date of April 27, 1948, quotes Dr. Louie E. Newton, President of the Southern Baptist Convention as saying that he had no fears that "Communism will oversweep Czechoslovakia, or Europe or Asia or America."

It will be recalled that this gentleman visited Russia not long ago and upon his return to the United States reported on the freedom of religion accorded to Baptists in the city of Moscow. He did not tell the people, however, that the clergymen who fill the pulpits of such churches are not accorded the freedom of speech which they have over here.

The same paper reports an interview which a correspondent had with Dr. W. A. Criswell, of Dallas, Texas, in which this question was asked: "Why are some Baptist leaders so strongly anti-Catholic"? To which the minister answered: "There is only one internal threat to the freedom of America ultimately, and that is the Catholic Church."

"My chief objection to Catholicism," said the minister, "is that the Catholic Church wants to be the state . . . Why should we be tolerant toward Catholicism and not toward Communism and Fascism also? They're all totalitarian."

Who, outside of the benighted people who are misled by "Protestants and Other Americans United," of which Dr. Newton is an officer, believes that the Catholic Church is, in any sense, a "threat to the freedom of America?" Bigger Americans than Newton have said for years and are still saying that the Catholic Church is actually the strongest bulwark to America's freedom, as it is of the rest of the world. The Catholic Church officially, and in all books of instructions, rates patriotism and loyalty to constituted civil authority as a virtue, as something binding under pain of sin. The Church stands for the unity and stability of the home which, as every scholar recognizes, is the basic unit of society.

Where We Stand

If a stand against the 3,000 divorce mills in the United States is totalitarian, then, of course, the Catholic Church is that, but by being that it is on the side of God, Who declared marriage to be indissoluble.

If a stand against the secularization of society through the exclusion of religion from the child's education is totalitarian, then the Catholic Church is that, but again it is on God's side, Who asks "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

How can a Church, representing the interests of God in this world be indifferent towards the forced exclusion of Christ from the classroom?

It is false to say that the Catholic Church wants to be a state Church. On the contrary the Church officially teaches that the State and Church are separate entities, each intended to be a perfect society. Both are of God, and, therefore, there should be no conflict between the two. The one has to do with the eternal welfare and the other with the temporal welfare of the same individual and, therefore, the Catholic Church believes that both should have complete freedom in their respective fields.

Not In Politics

The Church has never favored Catholic political parties within a state, and has always forbidden her clergy to use the pulpit to promote the candidacy of men for office in any particular party. It would be unfair to say that the Church did that very recently in Italy. The Church was not interested in any particular party, but was interested only in the defeat of an anti-God movement conducted by the Communists. The Church must "serve God rather than man," and she would be a strange Church, indeed, if she did not lend her moral support to the checking of a movement designed to dethrone Christ from the life of the nation and of individuals.

The Christian Church's first obligation is to Christ, as its chief opposition must be to "anti-Christ." Communism is not a political but a moral issue, and it is the business of the Church to defend right morals and to oppose bad morals.

On this subject Cardinal Suhard, of Paris, spoke recently in a special pastoral letter. He wrote: "The Church has no mission to solve directly technical problems. She recognizes the legitimate autonomy of competent authorities. She does not enmesh herself in any scientific, social, or political system; and she leaves Christians free in their choices and researches . . . She does not herself fashion civilization. She is not going to project the structures of tomorrow. She respects too much the rights and free initiative of man."

Is that totalitarianism? Isn't it rather a recognition of the independence of the state, and of the dignity of man? Isn't it, therefore, the truest kind of democracy?

Baptists In Russia

With regard to the Baptists in Russia, we learn from the CIP Correspondence, dated Munich in May of this year: "None of the six members of the new 'Prasidium' of the All-Union Baptist League in Russia and only one of the eleven 'Brethren' on the Board of the League are known by name to Baptists who left the Soviet Union a short time ago, according to *Abroad*, a paper published with an American license by Estonian refugees at Augsburg, Southern Germany."

This paper continues that "the Soviet Government Department on Religious Denominations has imposed the new leadership on the Baptists, following its policy of appointing people acceptable to the Communist Party to leading positions in religious organizations."

The CIP report continues:

At an All-Union conference of the representatives of Baptist congregations held at Moscow in March 1947, "the delegates by no means deliberated their problems at a common assembly, as might be expected. They were divided into six separate groups which worked independently of one another, in six hermetically closed compartments. The representatives from the Baltic republics were closeted with those from Trans-Carpathia and Moldavia, i.e., the delegates from areas strongly infected with a 'bourgeois spirit' were strictly segreated. The 'Fraternal Monitor' (Russian Baptist Bulletin) declared that important questions concerning the Kingdom of God were discussed at Moscow, but gave no details. The only gathering reported at some length was the closing meeting with the farewell speeches all of which reiterated: "Serve the State and the Communist Party if you wish to exist."

In listing the names and officers of the 11 members of the Board of the All-Union Baptist League, *Abroad* referred to J. Lipstok, one-time elder of the Haapsalu congregation in Estonia, and now residing at Tallinn, as "the only genuine Baptist among the lot." This may be exaggerated, for the writer did not prove that the others were not Baptists in the past although he ascertained that they did not play any role. It is significant, however, that Mr. Lipstok is the only one among the 11 who is not serving either on the "Prasidium" or on the group of 4 "specially empowered" Board members. The Praesidum, headed by J. Sidkov, is permanently established at Moscow, while 3 "specially empowered" Board members have been sent to Kiev, 1 to the Baltic countries.

Such is the liberty accorded the Baptists in Russia. They must do the bidding of the State and the leading men in their Councils must be appointed or approved by the State.

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They Mislead Rather Than Lead The World

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phatically that one might have "all knowledge" without profit, if he do not also possess "charity," by which is meant "the love and grace of God"?

Intellectuals bereft of a spiritual or a healthy moral sense are responsible for all the major ills of present day society. Directed by them a dozen national and international conferences have been dismal failures. Heading commissions of various sorts they have witnessed society disintegrating before their very eyes. They have seen it become more and more irreligious, immoral, corrupt.

The late Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia, said a long time ago: "It is to the moral law that obedience must be shown . . . If we can get back to morals the world will begin again to progress." But how is youth to "get back" to morals if no attempt be made to teach morals?

Walter Lippmann, speaking in North Carolina a few years ago, made the observation that if the politicians and the capitalists and the social reformers of our age are misleading rather than leading the world, it is because "they are the products of an education which lacks the props upon which a stable civilization must rest."

While Catholics have more faith and subscribe to a more severe moral code than others, they are not, in all cases, particularly distinguished in their respective communities for their deeper spirituality. This leads people to ask: "What then is the benefit of the religious school?" Their observations may be correct, but their reasoning is not. There is nothing wrong with the Catholic schools. In fact no other policy can be defended by stronger and more convincing arguments. But there is something seriously wrong with those who, having been properly conditioned spiritually and morally, not only do nothing to lift others up to the plane on which their lives were presumably to be built, but actually throw their standards and principles overboard, or screen them from the gaze of others, in order not to appear to be different.

Even if evils are not bred in the Catholic zone, they procure a hold on Catholic people the same as they do on others, because even the best seed sown has no chance when it submerged by cockle.

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nize, therefore, that she is the one bulwark for the defense of Christian civilization.

Prejudice has so obfuscated the minds and judgment even of the world's statesmen that they seem not to know that the late Pope Pius XI was the only world leader who had the courage to issue special Encyclicals denunciatory of both Communism and Nazism. Our own American authorities, carrying out their de-Nazification in Germany found not a single one among one thousand priests in several dioceses who even showed sympathy towards Nazism in Germany. That is not true of the clergymen of other denominations; a considerable percentage of them were selected for trial. These are not Catholic statistics, but those issued by the American authorities who made the investigation. Yet Communists and their supporters in this country and elsewhere in the world charge the Pope, the Catholic Hierarchy and the clergy, with Nazi and other reactionary tendencies.

Since Communism is at least as reactionary as Nazism was, since its philosophy is practically the same, since its attitude towards religion and morality is the same, its sympathizers must be the "reactionaries." They like to call themselves "liberals," but what is there in a name? When a Christian minister is so "liberal" as to be even silent on the subject of irreligion he is, according to the Master's own words, "against Christ." No one has any more right to be "liberal" in the matter of revealed doctrine or of the moral law as expressed in the Ten Commandments, than he has a right to be "liberal" in relation to scientific facts or mathematical truths.

The Editors.

Near East Missions

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Can You Adopt One?

Tere are the names of three students at the Seminary of the Jesuit Fathers in Beirut, Lebannon, just north of the Holy Land. Perhaps you can make one of them your adopted son in Christ and help him on the high road to the priesthood.

Elias Mahfouz has four years before the great day of ordination, and his expenses will be four hundred dollars. Anthony Torbey and Elias Saliba will need the same. Choose any one of them.

These are days when great priests are needed. Train a missionary and reap the richest blessings of God.

Thirty Masses

Write for information on the Gregorian Masses, named after Pope St. Gregory the Great, and offered for a loved one deceased for thirty days. You may also arrange to have them offered for yourself after death.

Charmen's Song

The children of Charmen in the diocese of Akra, Iraq, will sing your praises every morning at Mass, if you can build them a little chapel, so much needed. Bishop Cheikho informs us that it will cost only $480, because the people will supply the labor. Won't you have Charmen's song of praise and thanksgiving?

Hungry Mouths

Sister Stephanie, of the Holy Rosary Sisters at Beit Mery, Lebanon, begs us to feed her fifty little orphans. She needs three hundred dollars. Won't you give a mite for "ORPHAN BREAD?"

Mary's Picture

Bishop Scandar of Assiut, Egypt, asks for many pictures of Our Lady for the poor chapels in his new diocese. Won't you give twenty dollars to purchase one and have the poor pray before Our Lady's shrine for you?

Seen It?

We are sending a picture of a First Communion Class in a Near East Orphanage to everyone who can donate ten dollars to outfit a little child on the blessed day when the Lord comes into their hearts for the first time.

Mission Saint

The Little Flower envied all missionaries and gave strength to their work through her prayers in the cloistered Carmel. Give a mite for the Shrine Chapel of St. Therese, which we shall build in Lebanon, north of the Holy Land, for the conversion of Russia. We send you "The Unpetalled Rose," her picture and poem.

Make Martyrs

In Romania, at the Seminary of Cluj Gherla, we have so many seminarians who may be asked to be martyrs. Can you adopt one and give six hundred dollars for his training? Write for our free pamphlet "Hail Flowers of the Martyrs." Even a dollar monthly to the CHRYSOSTOMS, our Student Support Club, will do much. Perhaps you will want to join.

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Father Conroy Talking

School's Out

THE newspapers may be carrying screaming headlines about the tremendous events taking place today. The radio may be chattering in excited tones about the same. Big things are in the air

Yet, I believe, to the average high school student there is only one thing that really counts right now and that is the fact that school's out. And looked at in the right way, it is an important fact.

If you are a graduate, there is, of course, a lot to think about. Your commencement speaker will line that up very well for you, though, and I won't try to improve on what he says or has said. To the many of you who have been reading this column and the Youth Section during your high school days, I would say keep up the habit. One of the big duties which lies ahead in life for you is to keep close to God and the Church. A good way to insure such a course for yourselves is to keep "up to the minute" on your Catholic Reading. Nowhere in all the wide world is there the opportunity for Catholics to keep themselves informed on things of importance as there is here in the United States. The Catholic Press, in America, though much is to be desired, is the envy of Catholics of all other countries. I wish that you could spend just one day here at **Our Sunday Visitor** and see the letters which come in from foreign countries and which prove this point. The countries which have escaped Communism are still devastated and cannot get the means or material to publish a Catholic paper. And in the countries which have had the "iron curtain" drawn over them the Catholic Press has been simply squelched. So there you have it.

Keep up your Catholic reading or if during your high school days you have not developed that habit, start it now. Otherwise, you can be sure that in but a few years' time you will be numbered among those ignorant and indifferent Catholics who are such a stumbling block to the work of the Church and whose chances for salvation lessen with each passing year. There is no excuse for an ignorant American Catholic.

The editors of the Youth Section join me in wishing all Catholic high school graduates everywhere, the choicest of God's Blessings for the future, together with every happiness and success.

To the undergraduates, those of you who will be returning next year, much of the above could be repeated. During your school days

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I Was A Teen-Ager Too . . . .

Former Wise Guy Who Learned The Hard Way Gives Some Tips On Preparation For Marriage

DOUGLAS GREGORY

A TEEN-AGER. Swell! It's the most interesting and productive portion of your life. It is fun and it is so good to be alive. In fact, you are in love with life. Each of your days is filled to capacity. You never have enough time to get things done. If it's not the trip to the corner for a "coke," then it's Mother asking you to run to the store for an extra quart of milk for dinner. Your homework interferes with your social life—you just have to call Joan or Tommy on the phone and gab for an hour—and then too, the novena and the school dance are taking up lots of your time. Oh yes, it is fun to be a teen-ager!

I'd love to be a teen-ager again. There are so many things I didn't get done that should have been accomplished. I remember when I was in my first year at Immaculate High, I used to hear some of the public school pupils talking about "that Catholic school" where they teach nothing but religion and more religion. So many times I heard that remark and could have answered its beautifully, for the Catholic school pupils were running off with all the honors in the state contests and in most of the competitions conducted by the newspapers. Being a teen-ager I did not appreciate exactly what they meant by that crack "Catholic school." I hadn't heard of prejudice and bigotry then. I was a teen-ager in love with life and thought that things like that took care of themselves. I have learned otherwise since. Catholic Action is the responsibility of all Catholics, young and old alike. I remember too that I wasn't ever interested in anything but the coming football or basketball game with Good Counsel or Don Bosco High. The track team was having difficulties and the tennis team! That shouldn't happen to a dog.

Talk Is Cheap

Talk today is mighty cheap. The views of our grown-ups, published as they are in our newspapers, or heard in the eternal "soap operas" on the radio and in the movies, have a way of getting under our skins, using as they do the emotional approach, rather than an approach to reason. Take the matter of marriage for instance. All Catholic teen-agers think of marriage at one time or another. In fact, it might be said that being teen-aged is the calm before the storm. Some storm eh? Seriously though, marriage is a pretty serious business. Our newspapers and movies make a practice of glorifying "the third party" or of telling us a story in which divorce is just the only thing to resort to. After all, when two people can't get along with one another they should be divorced—that's the routine, and it is mighty important to you as a teen-ager for just that reason. Some day, perhaps sooner than you actually expect, you'll be dressed in white with a flowing train, or you'll be standing at an altar of God waiting for the girl of your dreams. Your attitudes on the subject then take on an awfully important vein. What do you think of this marriage business anyway? Are you in sympathy with some of our "idols" of the movies who have been married time and again? Or, do you as a good Catholic teen-ager respect the greatest Person of history? Christ I mean. I realize that the movie stars give us some entertainment but Christ gave us Himself. What a difference between the entertainment value of the movie star and the moral values of Christ!

Communion—A Great Privilege

The medical profession and news agencies report that Theresa Neumann of Bavaria has been living for more than twenty years without bodily food or drink of any kind. But she, says Father O'Connor, receives the **Soul Food** of Holy Communion from her parish priest every morning. Today—Trinity Sunday—is the deadline for our Easter Duty or Paschal Communion. If you have not received since the first Sunday of Lent, you are bound as a Catholic to receive this year, by May 23. The Easter Duty is a mark of fidelity to membership in the Church, and he who neglects it is excluded from membership and all rights as a Catholic.

Play The Field First

Picking a mate can be lots of fun and in that sense, I'd say that variety is the spice of life. Look over the field and play it to the hilt. There's no middle course in this business of happy marriage. Either you marry for life or you shouldn't marry. It's in—or out—period! Your choice of a partner for life can be the means of supplying you with the determination for success—and then the battle is won—but def! On the other hand, a wrong choice can ruin your life. You see, I know—I made a wrong choice! But you aren't going to make a wrong and costly choice—but natch bub—you are going to know what comprises a good partner for marriage. For instance, if Johnny misses Mass on Sundays to go fishing when he could have gone to the six o'clock Mass he shows a lack of sense of sacrifice and without sacrifice—well Johnny just won't do, because sacrifice is an integral part of successful marriage. On the other hand, Patricia might think it perfectly all right to live just within the law and get to Confession but once a year. Remember—out of sight out of mind. If Pat waits for a year to get to Confession she's just as liable to wait before she decides to have a family and that ain't good!

Cana Conference

Planning parenthood is, with some folks, a very immoral and dastardly thing. It is so because the wrong emphasis is placed on the two words "planned parenthood." If, by the two words, we mean the actual planning of children without dependence on the laws of morality, then by all the words at our command we should condemn it. If, on the other hand, we really plan our parenthood, that is, if we prepare to be parents in the ways ordained by Almighty God, then this business of planning parenthood can be fun! How so? Well, it's simple—easy—nothing to it.

We do it by attending a "Cana Conference" or marriage clinic. The conferences have as their purpose the building of strong, virile, energetic, vigorous and spiritual marriage. After all, marriage by its divine origins can lead us to eternal life if the graces bestowed in that Sacrament are appreciated and fostered through the sojourn on life's highway in the company of your life partner. Don't you feel joyous when you see Mother and Dad approaching the altar rail on Sunday mornings? Isn't it just a wonderful sight? Certainly it is. Well, that comprises, to a very large degree, cooperating with the graces bestowed by God in marriage. It follows then that these "Cana Conferences" are mighty important to you—the teen-ager. They teach. They advise. They help. Strictly, they are for you.

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For Girls Only . . . .

God's Big Time Performers

PAUL SAUER

SHHH . . . For gosh sakes, kids, don't let this get around in masculine circles. If you exhale a solitary syllable of what I'm going to tell you there won't be a jalopy west of Hawaii that will count me in as a welcome rider. The fellows will blackball me. Still, it is really important, so I have to say it.

The other day—here goes nothin'—I had a most unmasculine thought. For half a minute, maybe even three-quarters, I thought it wouldn't be so bad to be a girl after all. There was a good reason, of course, and she was dressed in black, with a white bib, and a white veil under the black one. As is usual with her, and all the other nuns I know, she was smiling as she spoke. Her happy, dancing eyes were in perfect harmony with her joy-tuned voice.

But what this nun was saying was far from cheerful. Even though they floated out like a melody, the facts she spoke were rough, really rough. Today, she said, the Church is losing great numbers of her faithful. Thousands and thousands of those who ought to be good Catholics have slipped out of the Church. They are men and women, boys and girls who didn't have much of a start. Sometimes one of their parents was a Catholic, sometimes both. But nearly always the parents themselves had not been well-instructed in the Faith, so they did not insist that the children learn too much. The result—a terrible leakage.

It's terrible for two reasons. One of them is, of course, that the loss of even one soul to the Church is a great tragedy. The other is that there was, and there has always been, a real, working preventative for that leakage—the catechism. Yep, that little, old battered book, which might have been handed down to you from two, three or four big sisters, could have stopped this leakage before it began.

Not Too Late Now

The encouraging thing is that it still can stop it. If the bubble gum gang of our day can learn their religion they won't go wrong themselves, and as parents fifteen or twenty years from now they won't let their children go wrong. The only problem comes in making it possible for them to learn that catechism. And here the difficulty is half solved, for fifty percent of our country's Catholic grade-school-ers attend Catholic schools, where they get the straight stuff, and get it straight.

What about the other half, though? Our parents can't build and support twice as many Catholic grade-schools as there are now, and those we have are as jammed as your mother's purse. Some of those kids, then, whether their folks want it or not, will always have to go to public, or at least non-Catholic, schools. For them there is only one answer; they

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Gospel Story . . . .

One Nation In Particular!

ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

"GO therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

All nations. That means Russia, too, doesn't it? Nation is a word with an impersonal sound. But what is a nation? Brothers and sisters of one nationality living and working together under the direction of the father of the nation, the man who is the head of the government.

A nation is a huge family—like the House of Henreid in the next block. We call them the House of Henreid because there are so many members, twelve of whom are children, and because Mr. Henreid is such a dominant man, to the family's sorrow. Mr. Henreid is a rough, brutal man, an atheist (he says!) He scoffs at religion and at "silly churchgoers" as he calls us. God he mocks. "If there is a God what has He ever done for me? All I have is work and worry!"

Part of the children are like Mr. Henreid, and that is to be expected. They are antagonistic to their neighbors, fight other children, make fun of them, call them names. They have learned to duck when Mr. Henreid swings his burley arm at them menacingly. They are what he has made them.

But some of the children show the influence of their mother, and she has a good Christian heart and tries to instill in all her children a love of God in spite of their father's lack of belief. Hers is a high goal, but with great handicaps to be surmounted. Lately though, things have been

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Watch Out For 'Massitis'

It's A Disease Afflicting Too Many Already

WILLIAM M. O'ROUKE, O. S. A.

ARE you, by any chance, one of those who have Massitis? Massitis is a disease—one of the rarest and yet commonest known to mankind. Rare, because it afflicts only Catholics from five in the morning to one o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday. Common, because a great majority of Catholics are stricken with it or have been at one time or another. Massitis has little respect for age or station in life. It attacks and ruthlessly disables anyone who is run down spiritually. The symptoms by which it can be recognized are numerous.

There are four distinct types of Massitis, ranging from the simple to the extreme cases. In the first type, generally known as the charitable-friendly phase of the disease, Massitis actually performs a miracle in the minor order. For in the primary stages it transforms those besieged with it from being merely ordinary people into the most charitable and friendliest persons on earth. It is almost touching to observe how chivalrous and kind-hearted these stricken individuals become on Sunday morning. In their benevolence toward their fellow-men, they absolutely refuse to approach the Church steps until the last straggler of the previous Mass is safely out of the precincts of the vestibule. Even then they hesitate about entering for fear they mighty hinder some poor soul in his homeward course.

Disease Accountable For Many Things

The disease in this early stage is also accountable for the friendly character who delights in chatting with neighbors and friends outside of the Church. Mrs. Magooley, for instance, falls all over Mrs. Gilhooley who is departing from the Ten—not unlike the manner in which the Father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son fell on the neck of his errant offspring. The impartial onlooker would be inclined to think that the two of them hadn't laid eyes on one another in years, and were thus letting the minutes slip by to renew their acquaintances—whereas they could have been found chinning over the back fence only yesterday!

In this stage, too, are found the loyal brotherhood of the chain-smokers. These human steam engines are surrounded by a cloud of cigarette smoke from their arrival at church to their last minute jaunt inside. They are easily identified by the way in which they hug the side of the building—the ever-present Camel, Lucky, or Chesterfield in their hand—as if they were duty-bound to assist the foundation in its task of upholding the edifice.

There is some compensation, however, for contracting the disease in its less dangerous form. Those burdened with this first type acquire, after a number of practice sessions, a certain, inimitable skill of slidding safely into a pew just as the priest begins the prayers at the foot of the altar.

Then There Is the More Advanced Type

The second type of Massitis is a trifle more advanced. Those afflicted with the more severe dosage fall under the technical titles of Fidgeteers and Boredomeers. This progressive stage of the malady can be discerned as easily as a visitor, is spotted during the intricate rising and sitting procedure of the High Mass. The Fidgeteers are restless, eyes constantly on the move, fingers continuously working back and forth—and conspicuously prominent by their lack of Prayer Book or Rosary.

Fidgeteers find it difficult to kneel up straight. Instead, they go into a half-sitting crouch that closely resembles a fashionable anthropoid complacently settled on a limb in his jungle penthouse. Fidgeteers make mental notes of the latest styles, study expressions on the faces of their fellow worshippers, pausing from these tasks only to dive their heads into their arms at the tinkle of the Sanctuary Bell.

Fidgeteers gladly welcome the period after the Credo to the Sanctus when they can sit down fully and relax to their hearts' content. These sufferers, as a rule, sigh audibly when Mass is finished, giving proof of the abnormal strain they were under. Then, almost magically, the traces of nervousness disappear, the air of fatigue vanishes, and the rapid sprint to the exist begins. Before the priest has completed the prayers after Mass, the Fidgeteers are out the door, making for home.

Bordomeers Are To Be Pitied

The Bordomeers, on the other hand, are to be pitied. More than likely, they have already passed through the earlier stages of the malady; namely, the charitable-friendly phase and the fidgety phase. Now, they are openly and plainly fed up with the forty-odd minutes of Mass. They pass their hands over their harassed brows occasionally, they yawn with musical accompaniment, and they shift uncomfortably in their seats. A sad smile wrinkles up the corners of their mouths when they see the priest about to launch into a sermon. Outwardly, they hardly know that Mass is being said. Inwardly, however, they are making plans to purchase the newspaper at the stand outside the Church, with the joyful prospect of afterwards planking themselves down in an easy chair for a solid two hours.

They are looking forward to the Sunday dinner and a half hour of conversation with the family. Evening, also, holds a treat in store for them—three hours of a double feature, perhaps, or five or six hours of a noisy party. No boredom there. But, of course, Massitis only affects them on Sunday morning. Forty minutes owed to God are grudgingly doled out. The Last Gospel is the most-anticipated event of the entire Mass for the Boredomeers. As the priest leaves the Sanctuary, they shake off the lethargy, scoot down the aisle to their newspaper and home, without so much as a thought of the great amount of spiritual benefits they have lost because of their heedless attitude.

Sharpshooters Bridgade Or Holy Water Font Guard

The third type of Massitis sufferers, almost completely ravaged by the disease, are the members of the Sharpshooters Brigade or the Holy Water Font Guard. This group is composed wholly of the male sex, and they are usually gentlemen. Gentlemen, because they decline all offers of seats, preferring to let others have their places. They revel in decorating the back wall of the Church on either side of the Holy Water Font. They staunchly hold their position against the wall, presenting a united front to the wasted entreaties of the ushers. With a lordly air they survey the congregation, and at times design to glance at the movements of the priest on the altar. Just when one becomes eligible for admission into their ranks has never been fully determined. However, it is safe to say that once the peach fuzz that has graced the cheeks of youthful males evaporates and a mean stubble forces itself outward, they are considered worthy to belong to the time-honored guard.

Deep within him, every member has the makings of a Sharpshooter. At the Consecration, as if by a pre-arranged signal, each one dips earthward on one knee, hat clutched tightly in his left hand. They remain in that trance, deprived of a view of the altar by the backs of the worshippers in the last pew, until the echo of the bell fades. Then once more they uniformly spiral upward to remain that way for the rest of the Mass.

Frequently, some of them have rendered outstanding services to the cause of the Church militant—and for this deserve special merit. Many a head usher, in the absence of one of his men, has pressed a Holy Water Font Guard into action. The chosen one immediately smooths down his lapels, brushes back his hair, and trips down the aisle with the basket, much to the admiration of his brother Guards. From that moment on, he is considered a charter member of the brethren.

The Holy Water Font Guard is adept in the art of noiselessness. Inevitably, they are the first ones out of the church before anyone is aware of their absence. Once the priest genuflects at the Last Gospel, the silent, steady shuffle doorward is inaugurated. The first inkling those kneeling in front have that the Holy Water Font Guard has deserted is the odor of cigarette smoke that wifts in through the open doorway.

Where does the average member of the Guard spend the remainder of the day? Well, ordinarily, the youthful contingent goes swimming, plays tennis or baseball. The elders take up golfing, wheel the auto out of the garage and go for a spin in the country, or else putter around the house. Yet, if they had been unfaithful to their pledge of not kneeling for Mass, they would never have been able to take up the more strenuous duties of the Sabbath.

Then There Are The Hangers-On

The fourth and final type of those tormented by Massitis are the Hangers-On. These persons are totally and hopelessly eaten up by the disease. A general sprinkling of them can be seen at every last Mass. They are old stand-bys, ardent advocates of the late Mass. They are perpetually in a state of coma, only mechanically going through the motions of rising and kneeling at proper times. Their bodies are pointed toward the altar, but what is taking place is only dimly present to them. All their attention is focused on keeping heavily drooping eyelids from shutting over eyes that hadn't closed till the wee hours of the morning. The music, if it is a High Mass, serves to lull them back to the sleep they have not succeeded in shaking off. The sermon, for them, means a few extra winks they might not have had if Father had not been so thoughtful in taking pains to speak. The soft tones of the Sanctuary Bell rouse them from their stupor for only a few fleeting seconds. When liberation arrives they stumble outside, and hasten home to finish their interrupted sleep.

The Hangers-On are literaliy attached to their Faith by a slim thread that is on the verge of loosening. They next step for them is a complete break away from the Church.

An offshoot of Massitis, while not as serious as the parent brand of the disease, is noticeable at many parish Masses. Those beset by Massitis in its least virulent form come under the name of Pew-Huggers. Pew-Huggers are a clique of worshippers who have entered the Sacred Precincts themselves on the end of the pew, and neither fire nor brimstone will budge them. They become, in realty, the veritable pillars of the Church. When someone taps them on the shoulder and asks them to move in, they frown and bestow on the seat-seeker a freezing glance as much as to say—"This is my place; try and take it." Naturally, to avoid a disturbance, the wearied worshipper climbs over the sprawled limbs of his antagonist.

Once this escapade is over, Pew-Huggers go back to their chores of honoring God, not realizing that the boiling temper of the seat-seeker is in no way conducive to prayer or to the salvation of the Pew-Huggers' bodily integrity. When the usher makes his appearance with the collection basket, the Pew-Huggers sit bolt upright, daring him to upset their equilibrium. The Mass ended, Pew-Huggers tack their flag to the mast, a signal that no one had better interfere with their departure if he desires to reach his destination in good condition.

Massitis is a disease easily contracted and less easily cured. It especially overcomes those weak of Faith; those who have lost the real meaning of what the Mass is. Once indifference to the obligation of hearing Mass attentively sets in, Massitis gets a foothold and weekly increases in strength until it has completely conquered the body and soul of the person attacked. Only diligent effort can root it out. Diligent effort and a renewed Faith and Love for Calvary mystically continued.

We like this story of the rushed-to-death New Yorker who dashed off a card to her mother down in South Carolina explaining that she was much too busy to write but was well and would like to hear about everything in the home town. She got this brief note in the next mail: "If you're too busy to write, you have no time to read. We're just all glad you're well. Mother."

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Lay Action In The Parish 1

JUST outside the northeast limits of the city of South Bend, Indiana, and somewhat east of the University of Notre Dame is the Church of the Little Flower. Few people outside its parish boundaries, even Catholics in South Bend, know of its existence; nor would you expect them to.

Its low, white frame structure is hardly imposing, in fact it is mostly a homemade affair put together by the parishioners themselves and their pastor, Father Joseph Payne, C.S.C., aided by seminarians from nearby Moreau Seminary. Nor does it have bingo or any other ballyhooed moneymaking activities to call public attention to itself.

Its locale, known in pre-war days as "Shanty Town" because of the large number of nondescript houses built there during the depression by workers down on their luck but not on their ingenuity, is hardly a goal for sightseers despite the fact that in recent years a number of new modern homes have been erected there.

In the past year, however, Little Flower parish has become increasingly better known to Catholics over the country who are interested in the revival of parish life based on lay initiative, especially Catholic Action. Two main movements in the parish are spearheading this revival. One is the liturgical movement and the other is the Christian Family movement—the latter, one of the first such specialized Catholic Action groups to be founded in the United States.

Leading the liturgical revival in the parish is Father Michael A. Mathis, C.S.C., long an advocate for the restoration of the Liturgy in parish life, who was invited by Father Payne to start a program of liturgical observances for laymen in the parish. Each Saturday night Father Mathis conducts a vigil in the church to which the parishioners and anyone else interested are invited to come.

Here matins and brief commentaries on the lessons for the coming Sunday are read by the group just as was done by Christians for many centuries. Prior to each Saturday night's vigil, an hour's practice in singing the Gregorian Mass for the next day is held. Each Sunday morning at eight-fifteen the entire congregation sings a High Mass in Gregorian—the folk song of the common man in the Middle Ages.

It is true that at present the bulk of attendants at the vigil and Mass is from outside the parish but greater participation by the parishioners is something that is expected to be accomplished in time. As the parish social and religious program being developed by the Catholic Action family groups within the parish succeeds in attracting parishioners to a more active interest and participation in parish life, a greater interest and participation in parish life, a greater interest in the Liturgy will develop. No person will go far in Catholic Action without being attracted to the Liturgy.

In addition to the introduction of the Liturgy into the parish, a systematic program of social and religious educational activities is being developed which is designed especially to revive a vibrant esprit de corp within the parish and ultimately to make the parish the center of community life.

Chiefly responsible for changing the parish's previous activities from a hit-and-miss and mostly a money-making affair, to a planned and regular long range program looking to the parishioners' welfare, is the Christian Family group, a specialized Catholic Action cell comprised of husbands and wives, one of the first married couples' Catholic Action cells ever organized in the United States.

Composed of five families (at present) which meet regularly in the different homes with Father Payne, their pastor as chaplain, this group has already accomplished a number of things, both socially and spiritually within the parish since it was started last fall.

Adopting a three-goal social program aimed at providing recreation for the entire family, which is both wholesome and regular, acquainting the families of the parish with each other, and making the parish the center of social life, they have organized so far a monthly recreation night at which progressive card playing, square dancing and singing are the main fun, and a monthly Sunday family "potluck."

These social affairs supplement the weekly card parties held throughout the winter months, which were inaugurated as a source of revenue and recreation by Father Payne when he first took over the struggling parish.

The monthly parish recreation night is planned (as are all other activities) so that couples mix and have an opportunity to become acquainted. You can hardly hope to have a living parish unless the members of the parish know each other. To induce maximum attendance, the charge for the recreation night is just enough to take care of expenses.

The monthly Sunday afternoon family potluck is held in the church basement and it is for the entire family. While the children play together and become acquainted, the parents visit, dance, play games, or take part in informal talks and discussions. The whole Sunday afternoon is spent in this kind of family good-fellowship and is climaxed by a potluck dinner, the planning of which is in charge of several different couples, who each month take reservations ahead of time and delegate what each family is to bring, so that a balanced meal is served. Each family keeps track of the cost of the food it brings. Those costs are then pooled and shared on a family (not a personal) basis. Thus, the larger families pay no more than the smaller. They are not penalized for having more children than the others. The average cost per family is amazingly small, running about sixty cents, a concrete example of the value of community cooperation.

(The second in this series will appear next week).

Today's Author

Burnett C. Bauer, a column regular, writes this first in a series of two columns on restoring parish life through lay action. He is the founder of the Christian Family Movement in the South Bend, Ind., area. This article originally appeared in **Integrity.**

Ignorance Proved Cause Of Intolerance

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est religious minorities. In the areas, therefore, where least is known about a group from personal acquaintance we find the greater percentage of people expressing the opinion that the group is too strong nationally for the good of the country."

Dr. Hooper's observations are well taken because 80% of Protestantism is rural and only 20% of the Catholic population is rural. There are thousands of small towns and rural areas in which practically no Catholics live and, therefore, these 80% are the least acquainted with the Catholic Church and with Catholic people; they entertain the notion that political power exists in the cities where 80% of Catholics and about an equal percentage of Jews live, and, therefore "assume" that these two groups are very powerful either politically or economically. A very large percentage of city Catholics belong to the laboring class, and could not, of course, wield economic power. They are much divided politically, and, therefore, could not exert much political power.

There have been cases in some of the large cities where a Catholic was either at the head of a political machine or was its beneficiary, but he did not represent the Catholics and especially not the Catholic Church, which, despite opinions to the contrary, has never engaged in the least degree in politics. It is common for Protestant clergymen to discuss political issues from the pulpit; it is common for them to write letters to candidates for office to ascertain how they stand on this or that issue. But no Catholic priest ever discusses politics from the pulpit, and if he wished to divide his congregation hopelessly, he would only need to ask them to vote either the Democratic or the Republican ticket.

Is This Paper Tolerant?

There are a few of our readers who, observing that this paper has taken notice of utterances of prominent Protestant clergymen, think that it is not any too tolerant itself. As a matter of fact taking notice of false charges and answering them does not spell intolerance, but rather a service to the many who read of these unjustified accusations, and wonder whether there is any truth in them or not. We certainly would wish that we could do only constructive work through this medium, and strengthen the faith of all our readers. Of course, we are also rendering that service by many instructive articles appearing in every number, but we have many thousands of non-Catholic readers who send us marked copies of sectarian journals they receive, or of secular papers circulated in their area, and who ask whether the things said about the Catholic Church in those particular articles are true. Besides this we receive numerous "tracts" published in various places in the United States, most defamatory of the Catholic Church, tracts which misrepresent Catholic teaching and practice.

Today we received one of these from a reader who said that it had been handed to her by a Protestant minister. It emanates from the "Book and Bible House," operated by L. J. King, and it is number 21, which indicates that many such tracts are sent out from that house.

Now who is this L. J. King? For a long time he advertised himself as an ex-priest, but that having been disproved he became "ex-Romanist King." He is now nearly eighty years old, having been born in New Brunswick in 1868. Some years ago he was wont to refer to his wife as an "ex-nun," while she never had even been a Catholic.

The editor of the New Freeman, published at St. John, New Brunswick, informs us that King never got beyond the Catholic Baptism stage as an infant; in other words, he was not reared a Catholic and never attended Catholic services. Of him his mother, who resided at St. John, New Brunswick for some time, told the local priest, Rev. F. L. Carney, "He was always a bad boy." This mother also told the priest that among a dozen children there is but one, a girl, who is a Catholic.

Brenton Macurdy, who was the head of the APA movement in Boston in 1923, charged King with trying to steal all the APA funds.

The fact that he has paraded under false colors for more than fifty years should offer evidence sufficient for his unreliability.

What Spain Got Rid Of

The Universe-Bulletin of Cleveland, has printed the following list of men who fought against Spain's generalissimo:

Georgi Dimitrov drew up the plans for the international brigades in Spain. He is now red dictator of Bulgaria. Tito (then Josef Brozovitch) was on Dimitrov's general staff in Spain. He now rules Jugoslavia and is responsible for Archbishop Stepinac's imprisonment. Klement Gottwald was a political commissar in Spain. Today he is prime minister of Czechoslovakia. Andre Marty was in active charge of Dimitrov's plan for terrorizing Spain by atrocities. He is now a leader of French reds. Bora Nakisov was another commissar in Spain. Today he is chief of Tito's terrorist secret police. Tadeusz Oppman was sent from Moscow into Spain. He is now a French military attache and is recruiting a new international brigade to fight in Greece. Giuseppe di Vittorio was another commissar in Spain, and is now secretary of the Italian federation of labor. The list is too long to record, but anyone can see from the names given the type of men Franco had to fight.—Ave Maria.

Stay-Tuned Items

A couple of Sundays ago, practically all the Episcopal ministers in the country forsook their own sermons in order to have piped into their churches a radio address by the Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. At one New Jersey church, the minister, after announcing this innovation to his congregation, added that he would have an altar boy turn their radio on a minute or two before the bishop was scheduled to begin, so that the New Jersey assemblage might briefly enjoy the choir of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The minister signaled his boy, and voices blending in devout song boomed out harmoniously through the amplifier. The music was pleasant enough, if unfamiliar, but the words seemed not only alien but unintelligble. A moment later, the hymn ended and an announcer's voice cut in softly to urge his listeners to stay tuned to the Catholic Hour of Faith.—New Yorker.

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Religion

DEANIE CAREW

THE students of Holy Name High specialize in many different subjects, but there is one that is studied by all. Whether compulsory or voluntary, it seems to be the number one subject. This subject, Religion, is the basis of all our other studies. It is the reason for Holy Name itself.

While other subjects may help us get employment after graduation, our Religion course will help us attain something far more valuable than a "good paying job."

In Religion, we not only learn the Mysteries of the Rosary and the Seven Capital sins, but also the virtues of charity and honesty to be practised in our every day lives.

It is through the study of this subject we will learn to combat Communism and other threats to our faith in the life we choose to lead after all our classes are over.

Latin

MARIAN LASSEK

MY favorite subject is Latin. Of course, there are easier subjects to choose from, but who wants the simple things?

When you "get" Latin, you have the grand feeling that you are accomplishing something and that you are capable of doing more than usual things. Latin takes plenty of time and as much effort, but anything worth while takes work.

The teacher makes a difference in how you feel toward the subject, and we have a wonderful teacher. She is willing to give help to anyone who needs it and even holds an extra class on her own time. Such understanding brings a grateful response from the pupils and makes them want to cooperate with her.

History

BERNIE McGUIRE

AMERICAN History is my favorite subject in school because it deals with the U. S. A. In these days of worldly conflict and with Communism spreading throughout the world, it helps a great deal to see if the United States will remain independent and keep communism from getting a foothold in this, the land of the free.

Looking back we see that "Rome wasn't built in a day," and neither was the United States Constitution formed without much thought and effort. Our Constitution gives each and every individual of the United States an equal chance in this world to make something of himself.

The question now seems to be, "Will or will not the United States keep free and independent?" It will if we all do our part by practicing our Faith in our daily lives, not just at home or in school, but in public at all times and in all places.

Through the study of American History the ideals of our nation are made clear to us and we are encouraged to work to keep our nation free and independent.

Stenography

BEATRICE KLEIN

THERE is no one subject that I like best, but of those I take, typing and shorthand seem to come nearest the top of my list. In a way they are both much alike—speed, accuracy, nimble fingers, and quick thinking. For a time it seems that you just never will get the "hang" of it, but with a lot of practice, prospects start improving. When you finally reach your goal, you feel a real sense of accomplishment.

If nothing else, these two subjects surely furnish good lessons in patience and perseverance. Even though you might not use your new knowledge for a job right away, you can find much personal pleasure in them such as taking down your favorite hit tunes when you hear them on the radio; and typing out your personal letters—which is greatly appreciated by your friends if your writing looks like hen tracks.

It is worth while to look ahead and plan for the better opportunities if you are a skilled typist and secretary. Besides getting a good position, there is the chance to influence others, and by living your faith to bring others to know it, to respect it, and perhaps to accept it.

Maytime...

Blessed And Beautiful Days

GERRY FROST

THE blessed and beautiful days of spring and May are here once more. Spring, when the robins are beneath your window to cheer you, when the sun streams into your house and into your heart, when the lilacs are in full bloom, and the world is awakened to the beauty and happiness of life, of Maytime, and of spring.

The people of the world especially devote a day in May to their most beautiful and most treasured possession: their Mother. God especially chooses May to give Himself to so many eager young hearts for the first time in Holy Communion. Graduates love to have the beauty of Maytime showered upon them as they bring to an end their 'trying' journey through school. Young men and women frequently choose May, the month of Mary, for their wedding day in hopes that all her beauty and the beauty of her month will be united in their love.

Catholics the world over, however, think of May as the special month of Mary. That's why the robins sing, the lilacs bloom, and the sun shines, all in honor of her. God lets these natural beauties flow through Mary to us, in order that our hearts will be awakened to her beauty, her love and her power of intercession.

Little children gather violets and even wilted dandelions to take to their "home-made" May altars, as a simple way of saying, "Mary, I love you." Toward the end of the month, in fullest festivities, God's mother is crowned "Queen of May."

When the strains of "On This Day, Oh, Beautiful Mother" are heard and flowers are brought from garden, woodland, hillside, and vale to the shrine of Mary, we can all kneel with both humility and pride in our hearts: humility, because we cannot compare with her beauty of body and soul; pride, because although she is God's Mother, she is Our Mother, too!

Photography As A Hobby

LARRY FELLER

THE life of a photographer, even an amateur, is interesting and entertaining. The photographer interprets life as he sees it in the phases of it that he pictures. He makes friends through this hobby and has the pictures of people and places that he knew in the past.

Photography as a hobby is interesting enough if the photographer merely takes the pictures, but it is even more interesting if he goes deeper into the hobby and does his own developing and printing.

Although, it may sound like a great undertaking, learning to develop and print pictures is really not too difficult. A dark room can be made by using a closet or a store room. If a start is made with simple apparatus, it is possible to learn the art of developing and printing, and more material can be purchased as interest increases.

Photography is a good habit, an interesting hobby and an excellent means of relaxation.

Attention, Detroit

The Summer School of Catholic Action will be held in Detroit from July 12 to 17. The date reported on this page last week is incorrect. Information concerning the correction reached the editors after last week's issue had gone to press.

Dedication

To the Queen of May who is for our Priests, the Redemptorist Fathers, "Our Mother of Perpetual Help," and for our Sisters, the Servants of Mary, "Our Mother of Sorrows," we of Holy Name High School of Omaha, Neb., lovingly dedicate this week's school page of "Our Sunday Visitor."

Some....

Let The Rest Of The World Go By

SHIRLEY KONNATH

"GOD makes 'em and mates 'em," runs the saying when a couple decide that "love is the greatest thing" and they can't live without each other.

There's no question about it, love is the greatest thing and no one has it more than God for his creatures. Some He makes for each other, and some He makes who are meant to let the rest of the world go by and become the brides of Christ.

Why is the Sisterhood so greatly misunderstood in the world today? Why do people deem this a drab and unhappy life? Catholics and non-Catholics alike fail to realize that true joy and happiness are experienced by those who would become perfect for God, who live close to God conforming their lives to His Will.

After graduation day there are some who will go into business, some will go into marriage, and there are some who have chosen the better part, who will let the rest of the world go by and become all things to all men by becoming the brides of Christ.

Can You Love God?

MARY LEARY

FIRST of all let's define "love." It doesn't mean any one thing in particular like hero worship, sentimentality, or an occasional heart pang. It is a deep and spiritual thing and it is the kind of communion we should have with God, the very author of our lives.

Can we really know God? Many learned men have studied the Scriptures, tradition, and the life of Christ yet still do not know God because they do not think spiritually. They do not have a true conscience and a will directed to the service of God. "Good people" may not be good at all because it may be that they live only conventionally and not spiritually.

Can we love God? We can and we must if we want to attain Heaven. Faith and more faith is what is needed. Faith that there is a God Who has the fullest interest in us, and faith that He knows and loves us so much that He died for us.

We need to be grateful and to give our souls a chance, let our souls be close to God in everything we do by thought, word and deed. Resistance to temptation, prayer, and good works offered to God will show us the way to true happiness and will prove that we can love God, yes, that we do love God.

After Graduation....

I Want A Girl Just Like The...

STEVE McGILL

"I WANT a girl just" mmmm—Don't believe it. I really don't want a girl, or at least not yet. I was simply told to write about that all important topic. So, I started thinking, thinking, thinking, . . . but that was as far as my intellectual powers advanced.

Then a Brainstorm hit me! I'll get me a wife, I thought. (Poor English, but I don't care.) Then I won't be forced to bother my cranium about getting a girl—or at least I had better not then or my wife would brain me.

Seriously, though, I firmly believe it would be a good idea for lots of other young fellows to be humming this tune, meaning the words.

When looking for the right girl, do as a wiser man than I suggested: Watch Your Step. Don't fall for the first vanity case that comes along—you can buy or find those in any drug store. Find a girl who likes a good time, but realizes entertainment's place; a girl who can be serious and face facts as well as have a good time; a girl who is economical and sensible, true and loyal, kind and honest, a person who will be a true mother of your home. In other words it is worth looking for a girl who has the virtues you want to find in your girl.

Also, in looking for the lucky girl, see if she is so lucky after all: examine yourself and see whether or not you match up to the qualifications you want to find in her.

When getting married it's a good idea to remember that you can't live forever on love alone. Make sure you have the right girl and then the best of luck to you.

Furthermore, it's a smart idea to follow the advice of your parents. Many young people sometimes forget that their parents know the score, and they then regret their own miscalculations all their lives.

But as for me, I'm always going to follow the advice my dear father gave to me when he said, "Son, find a girl 'just like the girl that married dear old dad."

Music

ELEANOR TROUBA

AT Holy Name a great deal of emphasis is placed on music and activities connected with it. Whether singing for God in the choir, or singing for our own enjoyment, we all know that we are doing something constructive that will be part of our collection of school-day memories.

I can't imagine a world without music. Nothing to dream by, nothing to dance to, nothing to express our joys and our sorrows. They say it is the part of paradise God left to man to console him in this world of work and sorrow.

These lines from Gaines' Salutation are especially popular in the music studio of Holy Name High:

"Music it was we brought from heaven,
On an angel's breath so pure,
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Catechism For An Honest Inquirer

The Office Of The Holy Spirit

WE have been told that the merits of Christ's Redemption reach the individual through the Sacraments, which were committed to the Church He founded, of which the Holy Spirit would be the supernatural life principle. At the time of Christ's Ascension the body of the Church—a divine work—was complete, but it had not yet received its divine supernatural life-giving principle—the Holy Spirit, Who would abide in it, guide and protect it, and perform wonders through it until the end of time. (1) In the Church the Holy Spirit is the source of infallibility; (2) in the soul, the source of sanctifying grace, through the Sacraments, and (3) of actual graces offered us many times a day.

How is the Holy Spirit the service of Infallibility in the Church?

If the Church is divine in Character, it must be infallible. If its guide is the Holy Spirit of God, it cannot err in matters of faith or morals. Therefore, what you are taught concerning doctrine, the Mass, grace and the Sacraments must be true. If the Holy Spirit is the source of supernatural life and its members share it, they can become saints and, despite the damage done by Adam, attain the glorious supernatural bliss of Paradise. As the sap of the tree penetrates the entire trunk, branches, and leaves, so grace permeates the whole man.

More than that, the Holy Spirit Himself, so truly takes possession of the human soul in grace, that He actually dwells in it. Hence St. Paul calls the human soul His tabernacle and the body which houses the soul, His temple.

Since Christ's Ascension we live under the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Christ had said "hitherto My Father worketh and now I work." He, in turn, committed His Church and its members to the care of the Holy Spirit.

Christ Himself was called the "anointed" because His human nature had the consecration of the Holy Spirit, and in the New Testament frequent reference is made to "the Spirit of Christ." St. Paul, for instance, said, "God has sent forth the spirt of His Son into your hearts." Before leaving the world Christ promised to send His Holy Spirit in person, just as He Himself had come in person, and not by His "influence" only, as He came to the prophets before Christ.

When you were born of the Holy Spirit, you were placed through Him in a state of union with God, and that union is strengthened and made closer by the other Sacraments instituted by Christ—because grace is lodged in them.

What in the action of the Holy Spirit is the soul?

The Holy Spirit comes to the soul in such an individual way that St. Paul writes "You are not carnal, but spiritual, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you" (Rom. VIII, 9). In another place St. Paul writes: "Do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you" (I Cor. VI, 19).

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit Christ's words are verified "I am come that they may have life and that they have it more abundantly." The Old Law had no Sacraments. It had circumcision and washings and purifications, but these did not, of themselves, convey grace. In the New Law, we may actually become God's sons by adoption, and therefore coheirs with Christ of the bliss and glory of Heaven. Most members of Christ's Church are not conscious of their lofty dignity and of the supernatural state in which they live. In fact, they live little differently than the unregenerated in the world; they live for the world; they incessantly grieve the Holy Spirit." They seldom think of their special consecration to Christ and to the Holy Spirit, by which they are registered in Heaven as God's own. Hence they do not realize that they are 100 times more responsible than others. "The sensual man", says St. Paul, "perceives not the things of the Spirit of God"; and even most Catholics do not, because they live like the sensual-minded outside the Church. The "spiritual man" follows the Holy Spirit, remains conscious of His intimate relationship with God; and if he should, by sin, lose his baptismal innocence, resorts immediately to Penance which restores it. The "spiritual man's" house is Heaven, and he lives in this world as a wayfarer, keeps himself unspotted in spite of it, so that he may make himself daily more worthy of everlasting union with God.

How does "actual" grace operate?

When Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit, He, in the same breath, warned against the evil spirit, whom He called "the Prince of this world." The Holy Spirit would operate on the heart and soul of man, and the evil spirit on his senses and appetites, and animal instincts. The Holy Spirit would enlighten the mind and give strength to the will, while the evil spirit would take advantage of the natural darkness of the one and weakness of the other.

We can merit for Heaven only by corresponding with the Holy Spirit's actual graces. When Peter addressed the multitude representing many nations on Pentecost 3,000 persons who heard him became converted, while others were driven by their bad will to have him arrested and banished from Jerusalem. The former followed, the latter resisted the Holy Spirit.

Some of you who are reading this will profit by the instruction, while others will not get one iota of benefit from it.

If learned men fail to see the truth of Catholicity, it is because they have no disposition to do so.

St. Paul says that we could not have even a good thought without Him. We need His help to make any work or service meritorious. Yet do we not almost ignore the Holy Spirit in our prayers and reflections? We profess belief in His equality with the Father and the Son when we make the sign of the cross, and when we recite the Nicene Creed in which it is declared "He is glorified equally with the Father and the Son." We adore Him, usually quite unconsciously, when we say the Gloria Patri, but that is the most attention that the average person gives to the Holy Spirit.

You have heard that by His Redemption the Son of God merited the grace of salvation for all men, but you are not of those who believe that a mere trust in such merits will save you. Christ made your salvation possible, you must make it actual through a steady cooperation with the grace earned by Christ and dispensed to your individual soul through the Holy Spirit.

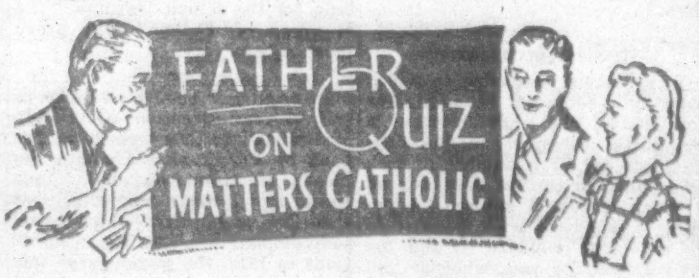
The reason of man is greatly enlightened by the beam of divine grace. Four of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are designed to perfect the mind. They are Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge and Counsel. The other three are designed to condition the will for genuine service to God. They are Fortitude, Piety, and the Fear of the Lord. These gifts of the Holy Spirit when stirred into action produce saints.

Faith and the gifts which perfect the mind made the great Doctors of the Church, who, if they lived today and were given a hearing by statesmen, could help much to transform the world.

St. Paul called "the wisdom of this world," to which so many of us pay reverence, by its proper name "foolishness." Isn't he a fool who prefers this world to the next, who pampers his body while he completely neglects his soul? Catholic sinners are the worst fools because they are better informed.

Try to create an habitual consciousness of your dignity, of the presence of the Holy Spirit within you. Apply to the life of your soul the same principle you apply to your body, that is, avoid what is harmful to it, feed it, correspond to grace. Be actuated by the profit motive, so that every day you will not only avoid the wrong, but perform works of supernatural merit.

You could receive no better advice from the priest than that which St. Paul gave to Timothy (2 Tim. II, 3) "Labor as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." This means you must be active supernaturally by faithfully cooperating with the grace earned and dispensed by His Holy Spirit to you.



WHAT is the "Subversive Activities Control Act"?

It is a Bill, presented before Congress, known as the Mundt-Nixon Bill, designed to control the activities of the American Communist Party and its subsidiary organizations. Its basic purpose is not to repress the Communist Party, but to expose its many secret activities.

It resulted from the many public hearings concerning the advisibility of legislation to control Communist activities, such as the misuse of the radio, the press, the movies.

The first section of the Bill gives eleven reasons why it is necessary to control Communist activities in the United States. It notes that Communist tactics are proposed and directed by the World Communist movement. It refers to the methods used by Communists to accomplish their ends, such as: (a) disruption of trade and commerce; (b) inciting of economic, social and racial conflict and strife; (c) dissemination of subversive propaganda; (d) infiltration into government positions.

Because the Soviet Union has imposed Communist dictatorships in several countries against the will of the people, it is believed that the Communist movement constitutes a real danger to the security of the United States. The Bill would prohibit attempts to establish in the United States a totalitarian dictatorship controlled by any foreign government, organization or individual. The Bill requires the Communist Party and its Front organizations to register with the Attorney General. They must furnish the names of officers and the sources and use of their funds. It is believed that if they register they will no longer operate secretly. If they fail to register, they will suffer heavy penalties or be forced to dissolve.

Communist agents, acting under known foreign control, will lose their citizenship. It shall be unlawful for Communists to accept federal employment without revealing their connections.

This Bill takes notice that during the recent war there was extensive Soviet espionage, and very deep infiltration into labor, the radio, the magazine field and motion pictures. It is believed that our foreign policy in regard to China, Argentine and Germany was influenced greatly by Communist pressure through other Fronts.

What is the "unpardonable sin"?

Absolutely speaking, there is no unpardonable sin either by God or the Church which forgives in His name. God wills all men to be saved and His mercy is infinite. The contrite sinner will always be pardoned. The sinner who refuses to repent is not pardoned because he does not seek forgiveness or fulfill the conditions necessary for obtaining it.

May a Protestant be sponsor for a Catholic child in baptism?

No this is expressly forbidden by Canon Law (Canon 765). Even a conscientious non-Catholic could not fulfill the obligation of a godparent.

Who was Pope during World War I?

Pope Benedict XV, who reigned from 1914 to 1922.

The weight of the body's blood is about one-eighth that of the body. —Thomsa A. Lahey, C.S.C., in **Ave Maria.**

CLARETIAN BROTHER HONORED BY THE HOLY FATHER

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SPORTSCASTING

Jim Costin

Hugh Oser Of New Orleans . . .

HUGH OSER, regarded as the greatest all-around athlete ever to represent Jesuit High of New Orleans and one of the best developed in the south, is now in his first season as a professional baseball player at the age of 19. He was signed by the New York Giants last February, then farmed out to their Jersey City team of the International League for seasoning and experience. He trained with many of the other recruits in the Giants' camp at Phoenix, Ariz., and made a very fine impression on Manager Mel Ott.

When the youngster signed his professional baseball contract it was a heavy blow to the athletic fortunes of Loyola University in New Orleans, where he was enrolled. However, the lure of a large salary understandably turned the young man's thoughts to professional baseball rather than continue his college studies, so he turned pro.

Oser's athletic accomplishments at Jesuit High are now legendary, but he was so completely outstanding that last June he was awarded a special trophy by Jesuit authorities for having been the greatest all-around athlete in the 100 years of that high school's existence.

He earned more letters than any other athlete in Jesuit High's history—13 out of a possible 16. In his four years of competition, he gained four baseball letters, four in basketball, three in football and two in track.

In baseball he is such an outstanding pitcher that he lost only one game in three years, yet he is also a fine hitter and one of the speediest runners in baseball. Before leaving to join the Giants in their Phoenix training camp, Oser took part in baseball field events at City Park stadium in New Orleans and circled the bases in 14.5 seconds, breaking the former record of 14.9 seconds.

He was chosen as Louisiana's best high school player in 1947, and also earned all-prep first team honors three times in baseball, three times in baseketball and twice in football. Because of his activities in the other three sports he did not devote much time or attention to track, yet he sandwiched in enough time to win track honors twice.

His versatility is so marked that he undoubtedly would have been perhaps the greatest all-around athlete ever to represent Loyola of the South had he remained in school for the full four-year term. It is now his intention to return to college in between baseball seasons to continue his education where it was interrupted by his resignation from school last February.

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Here's How . . .

Nancy Webb, Yellow Springs, O.—Write to the sports publicity director of Notre Dame for the football picture and to the ticket manager, asking that your name be placed on the university's ticket list. You will receive, in late summer, order blanks with full instructions as to how to proceed to secure tickets to Notre Dame's home games. Of course, the fact that your name is placed on the list does not necessarily mean that you will get tickets.

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Le Moyne College, Syracuse . . .

The newest Jesuit school, I believe, is Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N. Y., now completing its first year. Naturally, of course, it had only a freshman class which included 40 girls among its 440 students. But the new school had a lot of spirit, anyhow, and went right ahead and organized a basketball schedule of 20 games. Since the players' ability obviously matched their spirit they made the remarkably fine record of winning 16 of their 20 games, losing only to the Syracuse University freshmen (twice), once to the Canisius freshmen and once to Courtland Teachers College.

Tom Niland, last year's captain and star at Canisius College, is Le Moyne's head coach in basketball and baseball, as the boys are also playing baseball now. Maybe one of the reasons the sons of the Green and Gold have been doing so well is that the student body's cheering is led by six comely co-eds; surely a "new look" to go along with the new school.

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Needs Equipment . . .

Rev. E. M. Riedelsheimer, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Clear Lake, S. D., has a letter from his cousin in Augsburg, Germany (American zone), in which the cousin says he has been made head of the Catholic Youth Organization there and would like to know if he can get some help toward securing athletic equipment. Write to Father Riedelsheimer for further details.

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'Sport' Catholics . . .

Mrs. Oscar J. Moore, Cleveland, O.—The radio announcer you asked about is not a Catholic. I happen to know him personally. It is a difficult task to secure, with any degree of accuracy, a list of Catholic baseball players in the major leagues. I learned a long time ago that, unless one is personally acquainted with most of the players, you can't tell about their religious beliefs or practices. However, four or five months ago I wrote to a couple of friends in the big leagues and asked them about the personnel of two big league clubs; that is, who were the Catholic players on those two clubs. Now, these men were fairly close to the players of those two teams, yet the list of Catholic players I received from them contained the names of at least three players I know are not practicing their religion. One of them, a short time before, had been married in a Protestant church. Another, on the authority of a priest who knows him quite well, also no longer goes to church, while the third goes so irregularly that he can hardly be classified as "practical."

Most major league baseball players who profess to be Catholics are just that, the same as in any other line of sport or business. However, to designate a man as a Catholic merely because he has a definite Catholic name can trap you into making false statements.

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OUR SUNDAY VISITOR
Huntington, Indiana

I heard of a man who went to the auction intent upon buying a particular parrot, the gaudiest of all. Bidding mounted surprisingly, and the parrot was "knocked down" to him at $150—more money than he had in his pocket.

So the buyer went to the auctioneer asking if a cheque would be accepted. The answer was "Yes," and while writing the cheque the man asked, "I suppose the bird talks?"

"Oh yes," said the auctioneer. "He's been bidding against you for 20 minutes."

I Was A Teen-Ager Too...

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they teach is the value of prayer in preparing for the married state. Fervent and sincere prayer for divine guidance, plus the advice of a priest, is a swell investment in your future. As a good businessman or woman you wouldn't make an investment unless you were sure of the soundness of the move. The very same thing applies to marriage. Don't go into marriage as you turn a corner. Most of us turn those corners without looking, and sometimes we run into an awful lot of trouble. Marriage is quite the same. Look before you leap is good sound advice and the smart teen-ager will really take it unto himself. Remember—"until death do us part" is a long, long time when you have to do it alone, as I am, simply because I was a "wise-guy" who knew all the answers. I wouldn't listen to advice and now, through my own foolishness, I must face the prospect, unless my prayers are answered, of facing life—a life which, outside the Sacrament, is barren and naked—just because I was the "wise-guy." Believe me, being a wise-guy just doesn't pay.

Beginning Of Love

During your courtship with the "One and only" reflect often and hard and prayerfully that courtship is intended by Almighty God to be a period of happiness. It is literally the beginnings of love springing forth in the heart. Don't allow it to be smirched by anything foul! Make it a "white" courtship. There is nothing more beautiful than a white courtship.

Speaking of dating leads me to another aspect of the case. Are you one of those teen-agers who moans and wails when Mom and Pop put their foot down on late dating? If so, try to recall that dating is preparing you for marriage and family life. It's not to be taken lightly. The counsel of your parents is, on the average, good sound common sense which is made doubly important through years of experience. They want to see you happy and they will go to any length to see that you are. Cooperate with them! You see, I was a teen-ager once myself—not so many years ago—and how I wish today that I had listened to the advice of Mom and Dad and to the wisdom of Holy Mother Church.

If I had listened—years ago—well, maybe my home wouldn't be smoldering ruins today! Perhaps I'd have my young son, who is today just a bit over three years old, with me to enjoy the blessings of a happy home. In place of that happy home today I have nothing but barren and naked loneliness! I don't even know where the little fella is—oh yes, it's true. I haven't known for almost a year now. So you see, I have reason to write as I do. I know, through bitter experience, just how important the Sacrament of Matrimony is; and if, through the medium of these simple words I can lead just one of you, through my experiences, safely along the road to a solid and Christian marriage, then these words will not have been in vain.

The Sacrament of Matrimony is a Sacrament in which you are the minister. It is Christ's way of showing you its importance. The priest is necessary to be sure, as are the two witnesses, but the priest does not administer the Sacrament. That is left to the participating parties. It all adds up then to the fact that if you make a mistake you have no other person to blame but yourself. It's a mighty important moment in your life when you stand before God's Holy Altar and confer upon your partner one of the Seven Sacraments. It's final! There is no turning back, so, in the light of my own bitter experiences, I'd suggest that you—look before you leap!

For Girls Only

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have to get their religion courses outside of school. But how?

Back in the gay '90's, when four ladies didn't necessarily add up to a bridge game, a group just that size saw the problem and proposed a solution. They worked as lay women for a while, visiting homes, talking to parents, and seeing to it that all the children they came across got religious instruction. And often that meant instructing them themselves. Later Cardinal Gibbons (this happened in his diocese) encouraged them to found a community.

They did, and today they have houses scattered throughout the east and one in the west, all of them doing the same work, all of them teaching religion to children who otherwise would not be taught. You can find them busy in non-Catholic schools (on borrowed time), vacation schools, and even in private homes. They have developed their own, wonderfully efficient techniques, and they work like fools—you know the kind, St. Paul, St. Francis Xavier, St. Madeline Sophi Barat—to stop the leakage.

But like star Broadway performers, they cannot work alone. They need help, and that is where lots of kids have got their chance to make God's own Big Time. For what these nuns need, what Catholic America needs, are lay teachers of religion, lay catechists, who will give part of their time to instructing children in their faith. What would it mean for you if you were to be one? Just this, extra study and fewer free hours, plus the tremendous satisfaction of realizing that you are helping to save souls. Actually, most of the lay catechists at work today are girls your own age. (And that's another statement you can keep from my masculine friends, since there's no good reason why boys cannot be catechists too.)

Of course, your parish, even your diocese, may not have lay catechists yet. But if you are interested, check, kids, check. Contact the officials of the nearest unit of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (which directs all this work) and see what's cooking for Heaven out your way.

And if the idea sounds so good that you would like to spend your life at it, with the nuns of whom I spoke, fire me a memo in care of O. S. V.

Father Conroy Talking

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get the habit of **reading Catholic.**

Yet, there are a few other things that might be mentioned at this point. Why not make next year a year for getting "out of the rut"? Perhaps there are some bad habits which have caught up with you during the past year. Well here is a "break" in the routine, a chance to get hold of yourselves, those of you who need to do it. If, for instance, you have been falling in with the wrong crowd make the end of the school year the end of that too. You will have almost three months of summer vacation to plot out another course.

Or perhaps you have found out by now that you can get by without studying too hard. Here is a good opportunity to check up again and get those standards back up where they belong.

And to the many who have written in and want some suggestion on how to break off "going steady," I would say here is the golden opportunity.

However, be sure that next year you don't get into the same "rut" again—only with someone else.

Briefly then, use the summer months as a time to renew your ideals and resolutions. The routine will be different. Many of you will find jobs, others will be needed at home, or on the farm. Whatever the case, there will be time to do a certain amount of thinking and planning for the coming school year. Take advantage of this new time now that "School's out."

Gospel Story

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better. Paul, the oldest boy, is almost as big as his father now. He has his mother's heart and his father's brawn.

With his brawn he has been taking over the unruly children of the family. They respect his strength, and because of this they are beginning little by little to listen and learn a bit of better ways of living from him. Now and then it looks hopeful that he may even be able to instill a healthy fear of God in them, and later maybe a love of God!

With Russia it is the same. Her people are ruled by force. They mouth the doctrine of the "father" of their country in order to escape his menacing arm. But Our Lady labors with love to bring their hearts to Christ, and some of them are secretly turning to her. Now if only from among Our Lady's children would step forth one who is strong enough to gain the respect of the non-Christian children, teach them the right way of life, instilling in them a fear and then a love of God!

"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Which one of her children will Our Lady of Fatima intercede for at the throne of God that he may grow in strength and power and lead Russia to the Cross of Christ, there to kneel in penitence and then arise to a new and better way of life?

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Corpus Christi Is Feast Of Our Victory

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membered. To this nun of the medieval city of Liege, God gave the mandate to bring about a new feast in honor of the Eucharist. The feast, it was divinely revealed to her, was to bring men back to the Eucharist from which they would gain new strength to defend their faith and withstand the enemies of their salvation.

It is easy to understand why Julienne was chosen for the task: from childhood she had shown a truly extraordinary love for the Eucharist. In the year 1206, while at prayer—she was then only sixteen—she saw a vision of the moon with a dark line across the disc. For two years the vision kept reappearing every time she prayed, until, in desparation, she begged God to reveal its meaning. The explanation came one day while she slept and she heard Christ speaking to her, saying: "The moon which appears to you is the figure of My Church; the black line which traverses its face and obscures a part of its light signifies that there is wanting to its glory a great solemnity in honor of the Blessed Sacrament alone. It is written in my eternal decrees that the institution of the divine Eucharist should be solemnized not only on Holy Thursday when the Church is celebrating the mystery of My passion also and death, but on a fixed day by a special feast throughout the world."

Julienne was told she herself must initiate steps to bring about the new feast, but for eighteen years, so deep was her humility, she pleaded her unworthiness for the task. To all her prayers she received the same answer: "It is you who will propose the establishment of the feast; others after you will cause it to be solemnized." Her biographers relate that when Julienne finally yielded to the divine command she had so piously resisted, she shed tears of blood.

The holy nun, who meanwhile had been elected superioress of Mont Cornillon, confided her plans to two other women, both of whom shared her intense devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. One was Blessed Eve, a recluse, who at the age of 20, had shut herself up in a cell near the Church of St. Martin in Liege where she was to spend some 30 or 40 years in contemplation and adoration of the Eucharist; the other was Isabelle of Huy, whom Julienne had persuaded to join the convent. The three women first sought the opinion of several theologians regarding the proposed feast. Receiving a unanimously favorable verdict, they immediately petitioned the Prince Bishop of Liege, Robert de Torote, to proclaim the feast in Liege. At that time bishops had the privilege of instituting special feasts in their dioceses.

In 1246, after some hesitation, Bishop de Torote issued a decree establishing the feast. Unfortunately, the bishop's action aroused opposition among many clergymen and laymen. They denounced the new feast as "useless." Some did not hesitate to call Julienne "a vain, ambitious woman," who "pretends to see visions that are only dreams." Thus, while the bishop's decree applied to all churches in the Liege diocese, only one—St. Martin's—accepted it. The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated in this church for the first time in the year 1247— 17 years before it was to be proclaimed a universal festival. It continued to be observed in St. Martin's in succeeding years, but there seemed no hope of having it accepted by the other Liege churches. Nevertheless it had been revealed to Isabelle in a vision that the feast would one day be extended not only to all the parishes of Liege but to those of the whole world.

Saint Endured Severe Persecution

Julienne herself was not destined to witness the final triumph of her cause. In 1248 she left Mont Cornillon after a mob inflamed against her had attacked the convent and threatened her life. The incident was the climax of sporadic acts of persecution and detraction which the saint had had to endure for years from those to whom her sanctity and humility were a constant reproach. Julienne died at Fosses eight years later after having been obliged to seek one temporary refuge after another. Meanwhile divine providence was at work to ensure that her mission would be brought to full completion. One of Julienne's earliest supporters had been the Archdeacon Pantaleon, who later left Liege to become Bishop of Verdun, was afterwards sent as legate to various countries, and finally in 1261, was elected Pope under the title of Urban IV. When a petition was sent to him by Blessed Eve and the new Bishop of Liege, Henri de Gueldre, to ratify Bishop de Torote's decree by his supreme authority, he readily agreed. Thus ended all opposition among the people of Liege toward the new feast. Since that time, Liege has been pre-eminent not only in celebrating Corpus Christi, but in promoting perpetual adoration and other special devotions in honor of the Eucharist.

The focus of interest now shifted from Liege to Rome, or rather to Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV had been forced by political disorders in the Eternal City to move his court. The Corpus Christi drama reached its apogee in the Bull Transitarus, issued on September 8, 1264, in which Urban extended the feast to the whole Church. One proximate occasion for the Pope's action was a miracle which took place at Bolsena, a village near Orvieto, and was reported to have made a profound impression on the pontiff. A priest, tempted against faith in the Real Presence while celebrating Mass, saw blood issuing from the Sacred Host, impregnating the corporal and penetrating to the altar cloth.

Any lingering doubts the Pope may have had regarding the divine source of Julienne's mission were dispelled when St. Aquinas, whom he had wanted to make a cardinal in recognition of his great services to the Church, declined the honor, saying that all he asked was that Urban honor the Eucharist with a new feast.

The Mass and Office of Corpus Christi were composed by St. Thomas at the Pope's request. St. Thomas' Mass, regarded as the most beautiful in the Roman Liturgy, contains the inimitable sequence, **Lauda Zion**, a superb exposition of the doctrine of the Real Presence. Tradition says the music for the Office was composed by Pope Urban himself. Son of a poor French shoemaker, Urban was noted for his aptitude for music as well as for his piety and learning.

Unanimous Approval Given At Council

It would seem that everything necessary had been done to consummate the mission revealed to St. Julienne. But it happened that while Urban's Bull was greeted with enthusiasm in Liege, it was rather coldly received elsewhere. The great institution of Corpus Christi might have been forgotten did not Clement V., one of the Avignon Popes, call a general council at Vienne, near Dauphiny, in 1311, which unanimously approved the feast and thus assured its ultimate acceptance everywhere. Four years later, another Pope, John XXII, ordered that the feast should henceforth be celebrated with an octave, and still later, Pope Martin V doubled the indulgences accorded the feast by Urban IV.

Processions of the Blessed Sacrament are a traditional part of Corpus Christi, but these demonstrations were not mentioned by Pope Urban in his Bull instituting the feast. However, it is believed the order for these displays may have originated when Urban directed the miraculous corporal to be carried from Bolsena to Orvieto. At all events, Popes Martin V and Eugene IV granted special indulgences to those assisting at the processions and the Council of Trent in the 16th century spoke of the Eucharist being carried "in procession in the streets and public places with pomp and honor."

Introduced more than two centuries before the Protestant Reformation, Corpus Christi was destined to be a brilliant protest against the blasphemies of unbelievers. When, as divine providence had foreseen, belief in the Real Presence was assailed by heretics, the Council of Trent extolled the Eucharistic feast, declaring: "It is important that the truth shall show itself victorious over falsehood and heresy in such sort that her adversaries, at the sight of such splendor and so great joy in the whole Church, will be discouraged and shrivelled up with spite; or that, touched with confusion and shame, they will come back to repentance."

Corpus Christi is more than a festival of invitation and joy: it is a testimony to the indestructibility of the Faith. Three years ago Munich's Catholics held their first postwar outdoor Corpus Christi procession along streets which for six years had rung with the proud staccato of Nazi paraders. Blazing sunshine beat down on thousands who watched as the Blessed Sacrament was borne from Trinity Church by Michael Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich. Men and women once forced with outstreched arm as the Fuehrer rode through the city knelt and made the Sign of the Cross as the Host passed under a canopy of gold and white. Many of them wept as the cardinal, surrounded by a guard of honor, approached to preside at the last of three Corpus Christi Masses at a spot in Ludwig Street where the now-vanquished enemies of Christ had first boasted they would conquer the world.

The most logical "boner" we've run across was made recently by a laborer who was applying for a factory job. He struggled through an application form and came to the query: "Person to Notify in Case of Accident." He wrote: "Anybody in sight."

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A Warning Concerning Scant Bathing Suits

FROM one of New Jersey's ocean beaches comes a warning from a man who does not desire his adolescent boys scandalized by imprudent girls and women who wear indecent bathing suits and sun-bath semi-coverings. He writes:

"Now that the good old summertime is coming and light-hearted ladies (light in brains and morals too) will be tripping down to the sea in Paris created bathing suits, I humbly hope you will not defer a nice article warning of the occasions of sin from bold exposurés of form and unashamed nudeness so much observed on our beaches everywhere.

"Mom and Dad like to go to the shore with sonny-boys—our lads are 12 to 15. There should be something done to protect boys from temptations and save young men, and older ones too, from the evils that stalk before their amazed eyes. Surely the clergy will make open protest against indecent apparel on bathing beaches that our Catholic boys may be protected from the block-headedness of some ignorant and lukewarm parents who tolerate, and even encourage their daughters in their vanities and lack of maidenly modesty. As for the older fat women . . . Well, they are beyond discussion!"

The man from New Jersey believes in a word in time. He hopes it may save many from sin. It will, if that word is received with open mind and if the heart is unspoiled. Having just finished reading Giordani's True Portrait of Mary of Nazareth it is easy for me to turn to this great Italian author, teacher, and journalist for potent sentences on the evils that befall woman when she fails to take Mary of Nazareth for her Model. He says on page 76 of his book that man does harm to himself as well as to his sisters (meaning all women) "when he wastes with stupid cunning the human and divine treasures in a woman; and those who lend themselves to this lowering of womanhood to that of a mere female, sell her immortal divinity for a few grimaces and a bit of bright tinsel. Woman falls from the status of angels to that of night birds and of the bats."

Woman's Defense

The thoughts are not new, but Giordani puts them well when he says: "The defense of a woman, as also her garment of beauty, is her modesty. If she once renounces that, or she de-natures herself, she may think she is free and has achieved more joy in her existence, but in a short time all is dissolved before ever the first wrinkle has appeared on her face."

Wrinkle! The dread of the vain woman. But immodesty. Of this monster she is too often unafraid. Yet Giordani warns: "The woman who renounces virtue renounces her strength and her beauty."

Many women who have not sacrified physical chastity, are impure. They know not modesty in thought, in dress, and in act. They lure young boys and men into lascivious glances. They light fires. They go giddily on their way, seemingly unconscious of the holocausts they create.

A final quotation from c. 10 of Giordani's "Mary of Nazareth," which is both a challenge to and a condemnation of modern women: "A man will not pronounce a profane word or entertain an impure thought before a true and complete woman. She is one who enlightens souls by her sincere and pure countenance. Such was Mary; such was St. Catherine of Siena, St. Gemma Galgani and others."

Listen, Girls and Women

This discussion on bathing suits is not restricted to that particular costuming or lack of it. It is intended to embrace modesty in dress for all occasions, modesty in action at all times, chastity in looks, in words, and chastity in thought. We have Mary for our Mother. Think of it, Mary, the Mother of Jesus also our spiritual mother! We have Jesus, Who was God, also the Perfect Man, to please and to love. Jesus, our Brother and the Saviour of all men, would have us the chaste keepers of men, as He would have them the brave protectors of women. Do we think enough along these lines? How often are our eyes lifted to the skies? Do we practice living in the presence of God? When we gaze into the eyes of men and women, particularly into the eyes of men, do they see womanliness out of our two windows, do they receive the comfort of serenity from our focus, and do purity and goodness reflect from our eyes to them?

A Straight Thinker

In a current magazine to which Dorothy Thompson is a regular contributor, she has written a thoughtful comment on the findings put out by a number of men who collected certain statistics on a much discussed subject. I decline to name the book, because to do so would publicize it, and the book is not for you, whoever you are. It is a book that will cause the majority of its readers to sustain grave temptation, to which many will succumb. Miss Thompson is analytic. She writes with strength and decidedly defends decency. After she has commented on the excess stimuli pre-puberty and adolescent children are subjected to through movies, radio programs and syncopated music, and which she observes is not good for their sexual development, the following paragraph appears, which sustains the topic of modesty to which my own article is devoted today. I quote Miss Thompson:

"On a recent visit to several cities of Canada, when I asked myself what it was I noticed as being very different from the States, I suddenly realized it was the young girls, with their smoothly brushed hair, their soap-and-water faces, innocent of make-up, and their air of childlike modesty."

What a tribute that is to young Canadian girls! She found them modest . . .

The Wonders of Fatima by Rev. Joseph Cacella, $5.00 cloth, $3.00 colored cardboard, St. Anthony's Press, 443 E. 135th St., New York 54, N. Y.

AS the Fatima message is better understood and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary spreads, and discussions increase on miraculous appearances of Our Lady to the three children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917—the first apparition occuring on May 13th that year—the literature extends. Thus Father Cacella in his latest book on "The Wonders of Fatima" writes largely of the sequence of the memorable days when the Blessed Mother appeared before the little shepherds. It is true he describes also the miracle of Fatima, the purpose of Our Lady's appearances, her messages, and relates the way to carry out our Heavenly Queen's plans for saving the world from its miseries, indeed for prevention of its destruction!

But Father Cacella is native to Portugal though for some years residing in New York City, where he is the director of St. Anthony's Center, one of the most widely known Charity Centers in America, and in indeed of the world. Therefore, the history of Portugal is well-known to this priest-author and editor. He knows the salvaging and restorative work performed by Premier Salazar in Portugal; he also knows that this great Portuguese leader is an ardent Catholic. (See p. 49). This study of Portugal in our day, discovered in Fr. Cacella's book will prove enlightening to many and give to those who think they know the Fatima story another incentive for reading "The Wonders of Fatima." Others will be surprised to learn over half a million people have assembled in Fatima in one day—all pilgrims honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary and eager to give honor to Our Lady of Fatima.

Authentic pictures of Fatima given to the author by the Bishop of Leiria abound in this book. Also there are illustrations of a number of the American Hierarchy, together with their pastorals honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The format of this book is attractive. The chapters are short, the paragraphs frequent, and the type large and clear, lines well spaced. For the elderly, for those with eyes not too strong, and for all who do not wish to search overlong for the salient features, "The Wonders of Fatima" will prove most satisfactory.

In passing I should also like to call to your attention "Our Lady of Fatima" ($2.00) which earlier book by Fr. Cacella is within the means of most everyone. Some weeks ago I wrote particularly of this 254 page book which gives the complete story of the Apparitions in 1917, the warnings of Our Lady, and her promises to save the world from great sufferings if the people would comply with her requests. They did not do this. The alternative now strikes humility into the soul's marrow. For it is nothing less than do penace or perish.

Father Cacella is assuredly a promoter of the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. In addition to his books, he has just released "The Story of Fatima" in technicolor, which is available in 35 mm. slide film production. It is priced at $15.00 and should be in popular demand for Catholic auditoriums, school halls, and by Catholic societies.

Sheed & Ward, 63 5th Ave., New York City, **Pardon and Peace** by Rev. Alfred Wilson, C.P., $2.75.

Some Catholics who believe but do not practice their faith as they should, at least have gotten under the wire today—Trinity Sunday, and the deadline for the making of the Easter duty—and these folks who so seldom receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist are of course possessed of a great spiritual joy.

Pardon and Peace, Father Wilson's book that is so much in demand booksellers find it hard to keep it on their shelves, was not written only for these lukewarm Catholics who fulfill spiritual obligations once a year. It was prepared for everyone, as a guide to peace of soul and for the purpose of teaching Catholics generally how to make a good confession without over-anxiety, yet with full sorrow for sin, complete acknowledgment of guilt incurred, and a resolution of amendment. This is a book, not devoid of humor, though dealing with a most sacred subject. The author knows souls and people recognize this when they read this book. He writes for each one! His book becomes a conference. The author speaks and the reader responds.

Mary of Nazareth by Igino Giordani, $2.50, The Macmillan Company, New York City.

Giordani has written many books. Of this one on Mary, which he subtitles 'A True Portrait," he says it is his favorite of all his works. His story opens with the Archangel Gabriel bringing his message to Mary. Most any Catholic can fill in the events in the life of "Mary of Nazareth," as to stark facts, up to her glorious Assumption into Heaven, but with the sublimity of thought and beauty of language that cause Giordani's pen to etch Mary's holiness and graciousness as only a gifted son could do. The author's love for the Virgin Mother is manifest in every page, spiritual perception warms his lines, and his scholarship creeps through. I would particularly wish all moderns, Catholics included, might read chapter 10: Mother of God and Mother of Men.

The translation from the Italian has been made by Mother Celia Maranzana and Mother Mary Paul Williamson, both Religious of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle.

I Sing of a Maiden by Sister M. Therese, $4.50, The Macmillan Company, New York City. The title of Sister M. Therese's anthology of poems is taken from a fifteenth century poet. This Mary Book of Verse draws from earliest literature to our modern day. It includes lines from the Apocalypse and St. Luke, from the Psalms, and the Canticle of Canticles. Down through the centuries the compiler gathers songs, using discriminating taste. Every lover of poetry will be delighted with this beautifull bound, 450 page collection. The Biographical Notes and the Index of Titles and Index of Poets will also be appreciated. "I Sing of A Maiden" would make a lovely graduation gift.

Maps of the Land of Christ by Fathers Seraphin and Kelly, O.F. M., $2.00, St. Anthony Guild Press, Peterson 3, N. J.

This is a timely book and one important to those who read and study the New Testament, but it is at this time in the world's history a significant aid to a better understanding of the Holy Land, and an introduction to its geography, giving a vision of the country over which a heated conflict between Jews and Arabs is now in process. However, to Catholics, and other Christians, the charts are really of vital interest and of great help to the spiritual life. Discussion Clubs will do well to remember to have before their members Maps of the Land of Christ. No school library will be complete without the book. The varied information, the stories of sacred places, together with historical data, and the allegories, will be of general interest to scholars, and also to students and to families, because so ably and attractively presented.

Pardon and Peace by Alfred Wilson, C.P., $2.75.

Also, from Sheed & Ward you may obtain Father Wilson's nationaliy discussed book on the Sacrament of Penance. Catholics must be conscious of the need of knowing how to do it right (confess, be sorry, and amend!) for book dealers find it hard to keep this book in stock. Father Wilson clarifies the mind, directs the soul, and so successfully reveals to those of good-will the way to "Pardon and Peace" that men, women, and young people of adolecent age and up, are clamoring for his book that points the way to peace and to a clean conscience.

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Alerding House Adds Members To Board

Gary—Two new members were added to the Gary-Alerding Settlement House board of directors at the monthly meeting held last week. They are Michael R. Joyce, division superintendent of the E. J. & E. Railroad and Edward Wehner, newly-elected president of the Gary deanery Council of Catholic Men.

Julius Rupp, vice-president of the board, presided at the meeting. Reports were heard from Leonard Nelson, chairman of the improvement committee, Reverend James Cis, director of the Alerding House and Mrs. Arthur Hunglemann.

Mr. Nelson stated to the members that the wire fence around the House playground and premises would be completed next week, and that landscaping work, including trees and shrubs, has been done around the House grounds.

Father Cis reported that storage lockers were purchased which are to be used in the church school classrooms and in the craft rooms. He also stated that new "black out" type shades were installed in the auditorium, which completely shuts out all light and thus permits movies and stage performances to take place any time, day or evening.

The board was also pleased to learn from their reverend director that five Sisters of the Poor Handmaid Order would be in charge of the Summer Play School program, now going into its fifth year. The six-week program for the grade school children will be conducted from June 28 to August 6.

Mrs. Arthur Hunglemann reported on the social agencies work and reported also that the House sent out information to all parishes on the services of the Visiting Nurse Association of Gary.

Corpus Christi Procession In Huntington

Huntington— Members of the ten parishes in the Huntington District, and their friends, will assemble on the campus of St. Felix Capuchin Monastery, here, Sunday, May 30 at 2:30 p. m. CDT, to participate in the annual outdoor Corpus Christi procession sponsored by the United Societies of Catholic Men.

The Rev. Leo Hoffman, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Wabash, District Moderator, will have charge of the ceremonies. Arrangements for the erection of the altars have been made with the Capuchin Fathers and the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory; public address system; parking and music through a local committee and the publicity for active participation is in charge of the parish officers in the respective cities.

Assumption Parish Holy Name Society Elects New Officers

East Chicago—Members of the Holy Name Society of Assumption Parish, recently elected the following officers:

Joseph Matusek, president; John Suty, vice president; Joseph Petrovich, secretary; John Kuric, treasurer. The Rev. John Zubak is Moderator.

Spiritual Committee: Anton Ronciak and John Horvath. Athletic Committee: Joseph Puchek and Anton Roger. Social Committee: Carl Susorney, Benedict Bubala, Julius Sabo, Edmund Dybel, Leonard Zuffa, Andrew Michalko. John J. Furto, Jr., was named Sargeant of Arms; Cyril Gazdick, assistant treasurer and Edward Kipta, recorder.

New Haven Girl Awarded Third Place

New Haven—Teresa Butt, 7, of the first grade of St. John the Baptist School at New Haven, won third prize in group one of the traffic safety slogan contest conducted by Allen County Sheriff Harold Zeis. Group one includes students for the first and second grades of all Allen County schools. The contest closed April 30 with over 6,000 entries.

Carry Roles In 'Junior Miss'

A scene from "Junior Miss," three-act comedy which the Catholic Theatre Guild will present at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (May 23, 25, 26, 27) at St. Patrick's School Hall, 308 South Scott Street, South Bend. Judy Graves (Shirley Shoemaker), whose vivid imagination produces many humorous incidents in the play, is trying on a new coat with the help of her sister, Lois Graves (Eleanor Kaskey), while her mother (Jane Simon) and father (Wilbur Miller) look on wondering what Judy will be up to next.

Cardinal Stritch To Address Building Meet

Collegeville — His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, archbishop of Chicago, will deliver the principal address at the opening of the four-day National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition, scheduled for June 30 through July 4 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

"Objectives of Catholic Building" is the subject chosen by the Chicago prelate, who is honorary chairman of the convention and exposition. Cardinal Stritch and other dignitaries— among them Mayor Martin Kennelly of Chicago—will open the program on the morning of June 30 in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens.

An audience of 5,000 Catholic administrators— priests, brothers, sisters, their architects and building counsels—is expected to attend the convention and exposition, according to the Very Rev. Henry A. Lucks, C.PP.S., Ph.D., president of the college of St. Joseph's of Indiana, which will sponsor the NCBCE.

Announcing the program for the convention and exposition, Father Lucks explained that general sessions will treat planning, architecture, construction and materials, equipment and general outlook. Panel sessions will deal with specific building problems in parish and institutional structure; a special panel will be devoted to remodeling.

Contracts Awarded For Convent At New Haven

New Haven—Contracts for the construction of the new convent for St. John the Baptist Church here have been awarded. Construction work will start within a few weeks.

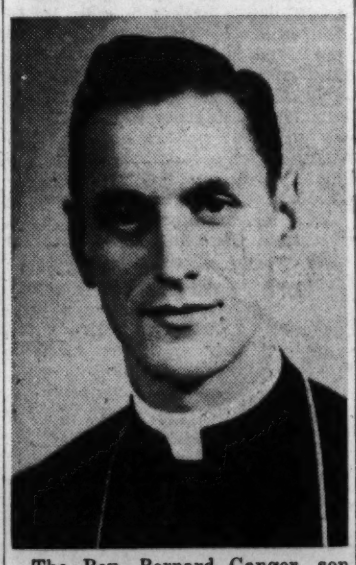
Michael Kinder and Sons was awarded the general construction contract; William P. McDonald, the plumbing and heating, and McKay Electric Co., the electrical contract.

The new convent will be located at the northeast corner of Ann and Seward sts. Living quarters on the second floor will comprise 11 rooms and two baths. On the first floor there will be a chapel, two offices, parlor, dining room, kitchen and lavatory. In the basement provisions have been made for a large study room, storage and supply rooms, laundry and coal room.

Former OSV Writer Honored By Pope

Fort Wayne—Miss Helen May Irwin, former Fort Wayne correspondent for Our Sunday Visitor, has received from Pope Pius XII, a pearl silver chained rosary and a communication from the papal secretary of state at the Vatican that to her is imparted the apostolic benediction. Miss Irwin also was Catholic news editor of The Journal-Gazette before her retirement several months ago.

Mass In Elkhart



The Rev. Bernard Ganger, son of the late Mr. Ralph M. Ganger and Mrs. Eva Ganger of Elkhart, will offer his First Solemn Mass in St. Vincent de Paul Church on May 23 at 11:00 a.m. Assisting him as archpriest will be a Rev. Edward G. Werling, former pastor; deacon, the Rev. Carl Holsinger, pastor; subdeacon, the Rev. Robert Contant; master of ceremonies, Mr. Dennis Dennihan, an Elkhart seminarian. The Rev. Joseph H. Rohling, C.PP.S., S.T.L., Vice Rector of St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, will deliver the sermon. Also assisting at the First Mass will be former classmates: Mr. Peter Giannino, thurifer; Mr. James Wenzel and Mr. William Shuler, acolytes; Mr. John Bueter, crossbearer. The neopresbyter was born in Elkhart on May 15, 1921. Before pursuing his studies for the priesthood he attended St. Vincent de Paul parochial school and Elkhart High School. He then entered St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Ind. He made his final studies at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio, where he was ordained on May 16 by the Most Rev. Joseph M. Marling, C.PP.S., auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City and former Provencial of the Precious Blood Fathers.

Two Separate Exercises For N. D. Graduates

Notre Dame—A unique innovation in commencement exercices at the University of Notre Dame will be made at ceremonies to be held Sunday, June 6, at Notre Dame when two separate exercises will be conducted to accommodate the record number of graduates, it was announced here by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame.

Father Cavanaugh said that in order to accommodate as many as possible of the families and friends of the nearly 900 graduates who will receive undergraduate and graduate degrees at Notre Dame's 103rd commencement, the graduates will be divided into two groups and will receive their degrees at two separate ceremonies.

Graduates in the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Science, Law and the Graduate School at Notre Dame will be awarded degrees at the first commencement exercise to be held at 1:30 p. m. Those receiving degrees in the Colleges of Engineering and Commerce will receive their diplomas at a second ceremony at 3:30 p. m.

Paul G. Hoffman, newly-appointed Director of the European Recovery Program, will deliver his commencent address at both exercises. The Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, D.D., LL.D., Archbishop of Boston, Mass., will deliver the Baccalaureate address at Sunday morning, and the Most Reverend John F. Noll, Bishop of Ft. Wayne, Ind., will celebrate the Baccalaureate Mass.

The Notre Dame graduates receiving degrees on June 3, will include representatives for forty-four states, the District of Columbia, and from Puerto Rico, Brazil, Ecuador, Java, El Salvador and Canada.

Bishop's Letter In 'Hoosier Legionnaire'

Fort Wayne — An article appeared in the May issue of the Hoosier Legionnaire, official publication of the Indiana Department of the American Legion, including excerpts from a letter from the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, commending the department on the religious display cards distributed by the veterans.

The cards are a product of the Indiana Legion's outdoor advertising campaign committee, headed by Carl J. Suedhoff, of this city. The three-color placards urged the teaching of religion to children for a better community.

'Junior Miss' To Be Staged In South Bend

South Bend, Ind.—The general public is invited to attend the Catholic Theatre Guild's production of "Junior Miss," famous Broadway comedy, which the Guild will present starting Sunday, May 23, and continuing on Tuesday and Thursday (May 25, 26 and 27) at St. Patrick's School Hall, 308 South Scott Street. Curtain time is 8:30 p. m.

Written by Jerome Chodoro and Joseph Fields, "Junior Miss" is considered one of the funnies shows in the American theatre. Professor Leonard Sommer of the Department of Speech at Notre Dame, director of the play, has assembled one of the best amateur casts ever seen in South Bend for the play, which has been in rehearsal for the last several months.

Tickets for "Junior Miss" are priced at fifty cents each, plus ten cents Federal tax, and may be purchased at the door the night of each performance, or at the Aquinas Library, 110 East LaSalle Street, and at the Notre Dame Book Store. There will be no reserve seats.

The cast includes Hildegarde Vargyas, Wilbur Miller, Joseph O' Toole, Jane Simon, Eleanor Kaskey, Shirley Shoemaker, Dennie Egry, Lawrence Gilling, Mary Rita Grundy, Robert Hayden, Eugene Kaskey, Robert Donahue, William Richardson, Jr., Stanley Zelas, Jack Kissel and Richard Armstrong.

Sister Confirma Transferred To New Ulm, Minn.

Fort Wayne—Sister Mary Confirma, director of the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing for the last 14 years, has been transferred to New Ulm, Minn., where she will be superintendent of the Loretta Hospital in that city.

Sister Confirma has been succeeded by Miss Winifred Sink, of this city, who has been nursing arts instructor in the St. Joseph's Hospital of Nursing since last September.

Associated with St. Joseph's Hospital for 36 years, Sister Confirma was medical technologi st at the hospital before taking over the directorship of the School of Nursing 14 years ago.

The new director of the School of Nursing became associated with the St. Joseph's Hospital after serving as director of nurses at the American Hospital in Chicago.

A resident of Fort Wayne, Miss Sink was graduated from Central High School and from the Indiana University School of Nursing.

Diocesan NCCN Convention At So. Bend May 22

South Bend — The Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Nurses will hold its annual convention here Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23. Convention headquarters will be established at the Oliver Hotel and the South Bend Deanery Council will serve as hostesses.

The Diocesan board will meet Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. On Sunday, the convention Mass will be offered in St. Patrick's Church at 9:00 a.m. The convention breakfast will be served at the Oliver at 10:30 a.m. The principal speaker will be from Notre Dame University and music will be furnished by the St. Joseph Hospital Training School.

Committees appointed by Miss Marie DeGroot, South Bend Deanery president, are: Mrs. Frank Dolgas, general chairman; Mrs. Niceta Gunder, publicity; Mrs. Mary Kempner, Mrs. Betty Leyes, Miss Rita Flory, Miss Augusta Hoerstman, registration and tickets; Miss Margaret Monhout, Miss Florence Kinerk, Miss Mary Farley, Mrs. Edith Kistler, program; Miss Ann Marron, Mrs. Norma Peterson, menu; Miss Phyllis Beck, Miss Ann Kagel, decorations and favors.

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Rural Life...

May News Letter

REV. HERMAN J. MILLER,
Diocesan Director

Less Heart Disease: Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. is said to claim that there is 40% less heart disease on the land for men and 30% less heart disease on the land for women than in the cities. The general death rate is higher in the cities for people over 35 years of age. The general death rate on the land is higher for people under 35 years of age, due to lack of doctors and medical aid on the land today. The accident- rate among young folks on the land is high. Intensive studies by the same Life Insurance company shows that land living people live longer than do city people.

Land living people in Hendricks County in Indiana have shown a good neighbor spirit—often happily true of land living people, by helping the sufferers in the recent spring tornado. Fifty land families were striken in seven townships. The first rescue was to the crippled live stock. A six point program was put into action as follows; salvage of exposed grain, rebuilding of live stock corals, clearing of tornado debris from the fields, financial assistance, family relief in clothing and household furnishings. It was a commendable program of community assistance. The 500 volunteer rescue workers included 250 American Legionaires from Indianapolis. 80,000 sight see-ers came out to look, but few to help.

Death of "Dean" Butler: The vision and judgment of Mr. Burridge Butler as editor and Broadcaster, WLS, was a helpful light over the Middle west. In his recent death, he was eulogized all over the nation. In his death, agricultural journalism lost its national "Dean" says the editor of the "Country Gentleman." He acquired WLS in 1928. Through him in WLS expression of talent was given to the common people.

Rural Urban Meetings: Elkhart County, Rural-Urban meetings in Indiana now hear of Ottawa, Illinois and Wisconsin Rural Urban meetings. In Madison, Wis., it was the rural-urban women who met together.

Rain Makers: Marlin Frihart-Miami County, Indiana, according to publicity, produced some rain and quite a storm when, with loaded fire extinguisher-experiment, he dived by airplane into the center of a cloud. It was an expirement with dry ice. It rained hard for an hour or more, even 10 and 15 miles from the actual cloud entered. There was no other rain in the middle west on that day. Corn yield on the 500-acre tract involved increased by 2,000 bushels.

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K. C. Chaplain

The Very Rev. Msgr. Leonard H. Wernsing, above, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Jasper, Ind., and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, will deliver the sermon at the opening Mass in Assumption Cathedral, Evansville, Ind., where the State K. of C. Convention will take place May 22, 23 and 24. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Henry J. Grimmelsman, Bishop of Evansville, will offer the pontifical High Mass.

Requiescant

Mrs. Herbert J. Zahn

Huntington — Funeral services for Mrs. Herbert J. Zahn, 64, were conducted from St. Mary church, here, Thursday, May 20, when her son, the Rev. Robert J. Zahn, assistant at St. Peter church, Fort Wayne, offered the Solemn Requiem, assisted by the clergy in this vicinity. Mrs. Zahn who had been failing in health for the past two years and seriously ill for six months, died on May 17.

The deceased was born February 6, 1884 in Mahon to William S. and Mary Regan Moran. She was married to Herbert J. Zahn on April 23, 1907 in St. Mary church here.

Surviving are the husband; four sons, Father Zahn, William E., Paul Matthew, and John P. all of Huntington; three daughters, Mrs. Paul Blomeke, Mrs. Raymond E. Gass, Huntington, and Miss Patricia, Fort Wayne. Two sons died in infancy. Surviving also are a sister, Mrs. William P. Gorman, Fort Wayne; two brothers, Paul Moran, Marion, Ohio, William Moran, Grand Rapids, Mich., and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Theresa Gerdes, 89, Precious Blood, Fort Wayne.

Dr. John Rossi Addresses Students

Notre Dame, Ind— Continued aid to Italy by the United States until poswar reconstruction has been fully accomplished is essential to the economic future of the world, Dr. John Rossi, Legal Advisor for the Consul General of Italy in Chicago, said here in an address before students at the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Rossi, who pointed out that the problem of placing Europe on its feet should be primarily a European problem, observed that the role of the United States in such a program should consist of friendly aid in drafting a European program and later the support of such a program so far as it may be "practical to do so."

Fr. Conroy Speaks At Confraternity Meet In Chicago

Huntington—The Rev. James Conroy, associate editor of Our Sunday Visitor and Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine will give an address on "Leakage From the Church" at the priests' session of the regional C.C.D. in Chicago, May 21. The session will be held in the Sheraton Hotel.

Father Conroy was in Akron, Ohio, on May 16, where he addressed the youth leaders of the Cleveland Diocese assembled at the Mayflower Hotel at the invitation of the Akron Deanery CYO. Former director of the NCWC Department, the Rev. Paul Tanner, was on the same program.

Decent Literature Sodality Meet Topic

Indiana Harbor—Mrs. W. J. O'-Keefe, N.O.D.L. chairman, at a recent meeting, urged members of the St. Elizabeth Sodality of Assumption Parish to become active in the field of decent literature. Mrs. O'Keefe has been active in N.O.D.L. work since its inception in the diocese.

Fort Wayne Student Elected At Indiana U.

Bloomington—Constance Racht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Racht, 332 West Woodland Ave., Fort Wayne, has been elected corresponding secretary of the Indiana University Newman Club. Miss Racht, a sophomore, will serve throughout the 1948-49 school year.

CYO Swimming Schedule Changed

Gary—A slight change in time schedule for evening swimming in the C. Y. O. pool at the K. of C. building, has been made, and will be effective for the summer months, according to CYO Athletic Director, Andrew Novotny. Hours will be from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

Mondy, Thursday, and Friday nights will be open, by appointments to scout groups, clubs, or private parties.

Tuesday nights for boys and girls of high school age. Wednesday nights for adults, men and women exclusively.

Daily swimming for gradeschool will continue under its present schedule. Namely: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Boys only—3:30 to 5.00 p. m.; Tuesday and Thursday, girls only—3:30 to 5:00 p. m.; Saturday, boys and girls from 1:30 to 3:00 p. m.

Rosary Sodality Meets At Columbia City

Columbia City — Mrs. Elmer Lehenke, Mrs. Lyman Scott, Mrs. John Fox, and Mrs. Arnold Reicke of Tri Lakes united recently as hostesses for the May meeting of the Rosary Sodality of St. Paul of the Cross Church.

The Rev. Clement Ewald opened the meeting with the recitation of the Rosary and the May devotions. Mrs. Tom Gallivan gave an interesting report on the National Council of Catholic Women held the last of April and she talked at length on the Cana Conference. Further action will be taken at the June meeting to be held at the Walter Sickafoose home.

FORUM

REV. JOSEPH HENNES
Diocesan Director

Word To New CYO Officers, Leaders

You can belong to one of three classes of officers. First, those who wish to be officers for what they can get out of it in the way of publicity adulation and personal gain, etc. Second, those who are elected to office but are not sufficiently interested in the C. Y. O. to pay much attention to the offices they hold. Third, those who are sincerely interested in the success of the organization and who are ready to give their best efforts to improve their organization and disregard the fad of whether they personally get anything out of their interest in the organization.

Unquestionably, the last type of officer will make the best leader, as he will not be thinking of the effect his every move will reflect upon him, as in the case of the group mentioned first. He will be ready to pass up anything of interst to him, if necessary, where the second class of officer would be unwilling to do such a thing.

For a harmonious C. Y. O. Parish Chapter it may be well for C. Y. O. officers to observe the following suggestions:

(1) Attempt at all times to put forth your best efforts in your work.

(2) Consult your pastor or Moderator concerning all the activities of your chapter.

(3) Remember, your C. Y. O. is a part of the Parish and the Pastor is the head of the Parish.

(4) Co-operate with existing organizations in your Parish.

(5) If there are other C. Y. O. Chapters in your locality, plan your activities so that your chapter will not run in competition with theirs.

(6) Have a definite time for meetings and refrain from changing the time, unless absolutely necessary.

(7) The officers should meet and make plans for the regular meeting in advance.

(8) The business session should be short and concise.

(9) Order and parliamentary law should be observed.

(10) Always adhere to the rule of the majority.

(11) The opinion of each member should be considered.

(12) The various activities in the program of a Chapter should be assigned to committees for development and working out of details, then a report should be submitted to the entire membership, for approval.

(13) Committee assignments should be based on knowledge and interest in the activity.

(14) The greatest assurance of success in the C. Y. O. is co-operation.

In response to the oft-repeated question "How can I conduct a successful CYO meeting?" the following order of business is offered: (1) Opening prayer or hymn. (2) Roll call. (3) Reading minutes of previous meeting. (4) Communications. (5) Appointments and reports of Committees. (6) Unfinished business. (7) New business. (8) Treasurer's report. (9) Moderator's report. (10) Closing prayer. (11) Adjournment.

Gary Softball

SCHEDULE

Sat. 11:00 a.m., Tolleston:
St. Emeric vs Holy Angels
Sat. 11:00 a.m., Jackson:
St. Anthony vs SS. Peter & Paul
Sat. 1:00 p.m., Tolleston:
St. Mark vs St. Hedwig
Sat. 1:00 p.m., Jackson:
St. Luke vs Sacred Heart
Sun. 8:30 p.m., Tolleston:
St. Luke vs Sacred Heart (Senior)
Sun. 8:30 p.m., Jackson:
St. Emeric vs St. Mary (Senior)
Mon. 7:00 p.m., Jackson:
St. Luke vs Sacred Heart (Shell)
Mon. 9:00 p.m., Jackson:
Holy Trinity vs Holy Rosary (Shell)

LEAGUE TEAMS

Junior

1. St. Luke
2. Sacred Heart
3. St. Emeric
4. Holy Angels
5. St. Mark
6. St. Hedwig
7. St. Anthony
8. SS. Peter & Paul

Senior

1. St. Luke
2. Sacred Heart
3. St. Emeric
4. St. Mary
5. St. Mark
6. St. Hedwig
7. Holy Trinity

Shell

1. St. Luke
2. Sacred Heart
3. Holy Trinity
4. Holy Rosary
5. St. Emeric
6. St. Michael

Teen Age Children's Little Theatre

Seated in the above picture are, left to right, Jane Ellen McCarthy (St. Mary's Academy); Mrs. Frederick Wilhelmsen, producer of the Children's Little Theatre, and Emilie C. Adamski (South Bend Catholic High); standing—Mary Denise Egry (St. Joseph Academy); Mary Elizabeth Wolf (St. Mary Academy) photographed at the lounge preparing for registration of the Children's Little Theatre members for the summer session which will be conducted at the Y, from June 7 to June 28, in South Bend. The last registration date is Monday, May 24 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Children 4 to 6 will attend story telling classes at the Aquinas Library. On June 25, the 10 to 13 group will present "Tom Sawyer."

On The Shelf

Catholic Lending Library
Calhoun at Jefferson
Fort Wayne
(Entrance on Jefferson)

"The job of literature is to enrich human lives. It must broaden in readers the virtues of faith, hope and charity. The final and inescapable test of a book that claims to be a work of literature is: Does it make richer my love of God and my fellow man?" so writes Father Harold Gardiner, S. J. We think these books answer Father Gardiner's question:

Priest Workman In Germany—Henri Perrin. Translated by Rosemary Sheed. When thousands of Frenchman were conscripted for slave labor in German ammunition factories, the French Hierarchy asked if they might send chaplains with them. The Germans refused. So a number of French priests had themselves trained as mechanics and volunteered to go as ordinary workers to the same factories. This is the story of a young Jesuit, who was one of them and tells with fascinating honesty of the gulf he found between himself and his fellow-workers making spiritual contact with them utterly impossible. This book has been translated into practically every European language.

Communism and the Conscience of the West—Fulton J. Sheen. As might be expected Monsignor Sheen has given us an interesting critique of Marxist Communism and of secular liberalism and monoply capitalism. His primary concern is moral and philosophical, rather than political and economic. Unrestrained individualism teaches that men act as they please—atheistic communism teaches that men act as they must—the Christian idea is that men act as they ought. This is a book which Catholics will read with edification and non-Catholics with interest and respect.

The Image of His Maker—Robert E. Brennan, O.P. Presented in an understandable manner for the average reader this book—on psychology—is one in which the modern era is seriously concerned. Father Brennan has taken the scholarly subject of man's nature and his actions and presented them in a simple running storybook account. This is a "know thyself" book and its author is a noted psychologist.

Whereon To Stand—John Gilland Brunini. "Give me a place whereon to stand and I will move the earth"—Archimedes. Classified as a down to earth and up to heaven book—this was written and published in response to the four unfilled needs: for a factual, readable explanation of what the Catholic church teaches and why; for an authentic picture of the Catholic Church presented by a layman; for a popularly written exposition of its doctrines and observances, its importance as an institution; for a non-argumentative presentation of the Catholic position for the non-believer.

We hope this will have a wide reading by those who need accurate information about Catholic theology and policy.

The Introduction is by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Library Hours—2 until 5 every afternoon; 6:30 to 8:00 Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Aquinas Library and Book Shop Notes

South Bend—The ninth Inquiry class was conducted by Rev. Joseph H. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., of the department of religion of the University of Notre Dame Thursday evening. In defining his subject, "The Supremacy and Infallibility of the Pope," he said, Supremacy exists simply because the Church is a society. Its function is to guarantee unity. In fact, there must be some authority whose word is final in every society. Otherwise, there is chaos. Indeed, experience teaches us that in any society the need for authority is primary. Thus the justification for the existence of authority is not that it works perfectly or that it never makes mistakes, but simply the rule, "no authority, no society."

"Infallibility exists because the Church is a divine teaching society. The function of infallibility is to guarantee the truth so that we may know with certainty the truths that are vital to us."

The subject of the next class will be "The Truths Catholics hold and Catholic Ideals," and it is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, at 8 p. m., in the library, 110 East LaSalle avenue.

Club To Stage 'The Pirates Of Penzance'

St. John's Production To Be Given June 13-16 For Construction Fund

Whiting—A new first in the field of entertainment for the city of Whiting, already noted for its theatrical achievements, comes with the announcement of Gilbert and Sullivan's, "The Pirates of Penzance."

The combined talents and experience of the choral and drama clubs of St. John the Baptist Church are busied in the production widely acclaimed as one of the three best operettas created by the Gilbert and Sullivan genius.

This ambitious venture by the experienced local troupers, is well founded on proven past achievements. The group of young people points with pride to the aggregate of 25 years' professional vocal training recorded among them.

Miss Evelyn Sabol, who received her Bachelor's degree in music at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, and now pursuing her Master's degree at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, is directing "The Pirates."

Assisting her in the huge program is James La Pert, who is charged with the multiple duties of production manager. Jimmy La Pert began his stage career in juvenile roles and subsequently worked under the celebrated genius of George M. Cohan. The popular baritone voice of Bernard Qubeck, which has been featured in many past St. John and Whiting Community Revue productions, will be heard in one of the leading roles. Bernard Qubeck, who has passed up opportunities of working with the Chicago Opera Company, will leave for Milan, Italy later in the summer to pursue further training in opera.

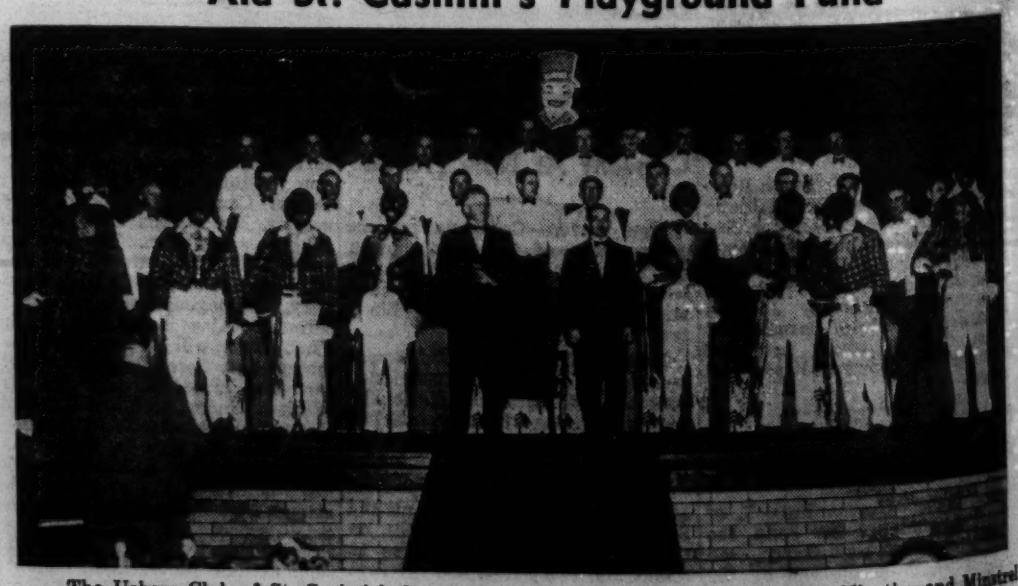
"The Pirates of Penzance," will be presented on the nights of June 13, 14, 15, and 16, in the Whiting Community Center at 8:15 p. m. This show, presented for the first time in the Calumet Region by an adult group, will launch a series of activities supporting the construction of the new $600,000.00 St. John's Parochial Center and School which will begin very shortly. Paul Monastyrski has been appointed director of publicity.

St. Mark's Parish Sodality Installs New Officers

Gary—The Young Ladies Sodality of St. Mark's Parish, here, recently installed the following new officers:

Louise Churilla, prefect; Irene Churilla, vice prefect; Mary Krupec, secretary and Barbara Kretschmer, treasurer. The Rev. Francis X. Guerre was guest speaker of the evening. Twenty-three members were also received into the sodality by the Rev. Daniel E. Peil, Moderator.

Aid St. Casimir's Playground Fund



The Ushers Club of St. Casimir's Parish, Hammond, recently staged a "Gay Nineties and Minstrel Review," for the benefit of a playground for the children of St. Casimir's School in the parish auditorium. It was also staged for the sick at the Paramoor Memorial Tuberculosis Hospital in Crown Point, and at the Hines General Hospital in Chicago. These last two performances were charity shows for the sick in the Sanatarium and the Vets in Hines Hospital. Wherever played the show was very well received. It was under the direction of Julius Mayer, a well-known theatrical man of the Calumet region. The playground for the children will be located on parish property. Plans are now being laid for its construction.